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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JUNE 8, 2021**  
**7:35**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Miller, Barragree, Cahoe, Marcier, Rushbrook, Alderwomen Ulfers and Musk and Mayor Allhands

**ABSENT:** Alderman Garfield

**GUEST:** Public Works Supervisor Marvin DeLahr

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 7:35 pm. There was no public comment. Public Works Supervisor Marvin DeLahr reported on the following projects:

**Kay St Sewer Separation:** Robinson Engineering is currently working on the design phase of the project. They are still waiting on comments from the IEPA for the project plan before submitting the actual design plans. The construction of this job could be done next year.

**Sewer Lining:** Still waiting on final review comments from the railroad

**S 7<sup>th</sup> St Improvements:** Public Works was asked to design the proposed street improvement. Should this move forward? The committee is in agreement to move forward

**East End of E. Oak St.:** Marvin contacted the owner of the property located at the east end of E. Oak St regarding the City taking possession of the property. Marvin told him the City is willing to pay \$500 plus legal and recording fees for the 20x60 parcel. The owner counter offer was \$1,000. The committee stated no the offer is \$500. Marvin will contact the owner again.

**Equipment:** The backhoe was delivered on Monday.

**Parks:** Public Works finished up all the work on the concession stand at Peters Park. The replacement parts to repair the vandalized equipment at Kay Park were installed and then it was broken again a week later. Marvin has removed that equipment permanently. One of the fountains at Lakeview Park has gone bad and needs to be replaced. Marvin ordered a new one today.

**Impound Yard:** Project is completed and has been turned over to the Police Department

**Swimming Pool:** Pool opened on May 31<sup>st</sup> and is running well

**Kapers Pond:** Marvin is still waiting on Kiwanis Club for their purchase of the new gazebo. Once a size has been determined then Public Works will pour concrete for the structure and a sidewalk to it from the parking area

**327 W Park Ave:** Marvin contracted Joe Cainkar regarding an easement to install the storm sewer. Marvin gave the committee a copy of the email from Attorney Cainkar. The committee wants Marvin to move forward with possibly reaching out to the owner to try to get the property, but there are several liens against it.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Dumpster Issues:** Marvin reported the dumpsters at public works are filling up a lot quicker than before. One of the issues is he feels it's being abused by landlords that are bringing in left overs from renters that move out and construction materials from

fixing up renters housing. It was suggested to not let landlords use the dumpster as are getting income so they need to furnish their own dumpster/cleanup process.

**Mowing Trailer:** Marvin stated this is in the shop and they are getting it ready for the parade.

**Burning at the Tree Dump:** Marvin reported about couple of weeks ago he sent one of his guys to push up the debris and it ignited itself on fire. He had his guy put it out but Mr. Cowley came to Marvin's office complaining about the smoke and he also went to the tree dump and chewed out Marvin's employee. Marvin stated this was not done on purpose and it was put out right away.

**Alderman Rushbrook makes a motion to enter executive session at 7:54 from employment and Alderman Marcier seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

**Alderman Rushbrook makes a motion to return to regular session at 8:24 pm and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

Alderman Miller stated there is no action taken from executive session.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and Alderwoman Ulfers seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

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Don Miller, Chairman