

City of Watseka
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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 13, 2021
8:27 PM

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

ABSENT: Aldermen Garfield and Marcier

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 8:27 pm. There was no public comment. It was discussed about changing the night for Code Enforcement and Public works meetings. The new schedule will now be 2nd Tuesday of the month-Public Safety and Code Enforcement, 3rd Tuesday of the month-Public Works, Finance, and Water/Wastewater. Aldermen Miller read a report put together by Greg Marks for the work being done at Public Works:

1. Completed all asphalt patching from previous jobs performed underground
2. Completed $\frac{3}{4}$ of all asphalt pothole patching in town
3. Repaired storm sewer manhole at N 3rd & Oak St.
4. Completed limb and debris pickup from previous storms
5. Trimmed weeds and sprayed all of the downtown area
6. Street swept entire and all of the downtown area
7. Graded the lane at lakeview park by east water tower
8. Cleaned storm sewer inlets
9. Repaired and cleaned all pond pumps at 3 city ponds
10. Completed yard repair from previous jobs performed by Public Works
11. Completed landscape repair by entrance at lakeview park
12. Trimmed and picked up debris at city hall pond
13. Helped city volunteers install American flags along curb lines within city limits
14. Helped participate in decoration of parade float
15. Shot elevations for rising water levels
16. Monthly burning of yardwaste facility

Weekly Duties performed by Public Works:

1. Routine park maintenance
2. Sewer jetting services
3. Watering of downtown plants
4. Yardwaste facility cleanup
5. Mosquito spraying will start tonight-it was stated 2 more employees are taking the test to become certified.

It was stated there are weeds and grass in the curbs around town that need attention. The street sweeper was run for the 4th of July.

There was a short discussion concerning the personnel ad hoc committee. Mayor Allhands stated Alderwoman Ulfers, Alderman Cahoe and Miller were appointed to this ad hoc committee in the May 2021 council meeting. This is a different committee than the personnel committee. Alderwoman Musk was questioning the Alderpersons that were appointed to this committee. She stated Alderwoman Ulfers is a retired realtor, Alderman Cahoe is a truck driver and Alderman Miller is a business owner. She wants to be involved in this because of her job experience at her current job.

Alderman Cahoe stated he has an updated estimate from IPC regarding the storm sewer work that needs to be done behind Kingdon's. The new cost estimate is \$240,000.00 to \$245,000.00. This will be put on the agenda for full council.

Mayor Allhands stated everyone has a copy of the Attorney General's decision from a complaint that an illegal executive session took place regarding a city vehicle being taken home. The Attorney General stated no violations were done.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 7-0.

Don Miller, Chairman