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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2021
6:00 PM**

PRESENT: Aldermen Miller, Cahoe, Barragree, Marcier, Rushbrook, Garfield, Alderwoman Musk and Mayor Allhands

ABSENT: Alderwoman Ulfers

GUESTS: Keith Mulholland with Robinson Engineering, Public Works Supervisor Dustin Standish via phone

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. There was no public comment. Keith Mulholland with Robinson Engineering spoke about city water main projects and engineering of road projects. The city gave Robinson 17 streets to look at. Alderman Cahoe stated these 17 streets are all streets that have been in the floods. The total to do all 17 streets is \$2.571 million. There was discussion about using STU funds, COVID relief funds and MFT funds. There was discussion about using the STU funds for 8th St. as it is eligible for the funds. After a lengthy discussion of all the streets **Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the Council to move forward with submitting paperwork for the STU funds for 8th St. and Alderwoman Musk seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.** It was stated a decision needs to be made by the end of February on which streets to move forward with.

Keith then discussed the water main project under the tracks by Kay St and North St. Once again, a lengthy discussion was held on the cost and how to pay for the project by using ARP funds and possible COVID money. The estimated cost as of now is \$204,436 and could be more depending on what is found when the project is going. **Alderman Garfield makes a motion to recommend to the Council to move forward with the project contingent on ARP funding and Alderman Cahoe seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

Public Works Supervisor Dustin Standish reported on the following:

Streets: Ran Street sweeper every day, cleared storm inlets, put rip rap on banks along sugar creek at gasoline alley, received 100 tons of salt, serviced plow trucks and installed a new window in the garage at city hall. The department also removed graffiti at Peters Park from vandals. Dustin stated if someone sees equipment setting outside at the public works facility it's because there is new park equipment in 2 of the bays that came in and he knew nothing about it. Dustin also stated he has given Austin Kidwell and Jason Langellier a promotion to foremen and would like to increase their rate of pay to \$27.00/hour for Kidwell and \$28.00/hour for Langellier. This will be discussed more next month. Dustin stated he will be working on getting easements for the Elm to Sycamore St project in the next few months. He also stated he and B&D Electric have looked at the streetlights on W Walnut St. on the South Side from the railroad tracks to the post office and they are thinking the boring company might have nicked a line but they aren't exactly sure where at, so that is a work in progress. Dustin stated he will be keeping track of the time to send a bill to the boring company. It was stated at 518 N 4th St. the

boring company left a hole in the driveway and the resident is asking for some road mix for now to put in the hole. It was stated there are a few public works employees out with COVID.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:28pm and Alderman Garfield seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

Don Miller, Chairman