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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 19, 2022
6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Alderman Rushbrook

GUEST: Myron Munyon with Compass Insurance, Dan Maloney with Clean Energy Design Group via phone

Alderman Miller opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. During public comment Myron Munyon with Compass Insurance spoke about wanting to bid on the city liability insurance.

Dan Maloney with Clean Energy Design presented a presentation via phone regarding solar projects at city properties. He stated there are no upfront costs. The city would need to sign an agreement. He stated he can save the city \$4,000 to \$5000 a year. He stated before the city can move to the next-step he would need a 2-year letter of intent.

Alderman Miller gave an update on the following projects:

Streets: trash picked up on Kay St along the railroad tracks, 8 tons of hot mix patching has been done, 6 tons of cold patch has been done, restoration is being done on grass due to snow plow damage, Walnut St sidewalks have been demolished, stumps and roots have been ground, concrete has been hauled away and form boards are being installed. Alderman Miller stated there is one driveway approach that is going to need to be looked at because of the slope. Street sweeper has been run every week, compiling addresses for restoration due to the boring companies, a tree was removed from the city easement on East Lincoln Ave, paint has been ordered for crosswalks, (school areas will be done first), went through the baskets in the downtown area to get ready for flowers.

Sewers: The city's push camera for sewers was taken to E.J. Equipment for repair assessment and was determined that is extremely old and parts to repair it don't exist anymore. The cost to purchase a new camera is about \$7,800. A cleanout was replaced on Mulberry St, jetted a sewer on S Yount Ave which caused a sewage backup in Canady's Lab basement which resulted in hiring Serv Pro to properly clean and disinfect the area, a cleanout will be installed in front of Canady Lab for a pressure relief as this has happened in the past.

Parks: Emptied garbage cans, old playground equipment has been removed from Peters park and the installation of the new equipment will be taking place in the next week or two, water has been turned on at Kay, Forrest and Peters Parks, pressure washed the pool, sidewalks, pool decking and buildings at Legion Park, prepped pool shower floors to be painted, removed old wood from 14 pool benches, painted the frames, installed new wood and stained/weather treated the new wood, replaced over 60 bulbs with energy efficient LEDs in pool building, filled

the pool, starting to paint the front side of the shower house building at the pool, in the process of removing drinking fountains attached to both dugouts at Peter's Park.

Work Report: 52 locates and 20 sewer jetting's.

There was a short discussion concerning the ICC agreement about removing the railroad siding on S. 4th. The committee is in agreement to sign this and send it back.

There was general discussion about all the mess of the boring companies have made throughout the town, including the alleys in the downtown area.

Alderman Miller makes a motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm and Alderman Garfield seconded.

Don Miller, Chairman