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PUBLIC WORKS/WATER-WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2023
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Aldermen Cahoe, Barragree, Miller, Anderson, Muench, Marcier, Alderwoman Rohlf and Mayor Allhands

ABSENT: Alderwoman DeLahr

GUESTS: Public Works Supervisor Loren Grosvenor and Keith Mulholland with Robinson Engineering

Alderman Cahoe opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. There was no public comment. Public Works Director Loren Grosvenor reported on the following projects:

New Well#11: Peerless Midwest will be staking out the location on October 18th and drilling of the new well should start October 23rd. There was some changing of the pipe that needed to be done per EPA by changing the size of the pipe back to 8 inch instead of the proposed 12 inch.

Well 6: still a work in progress

Meter Reading Improvements: 786 radios installed as of October 15th

Fire Hydrants: All hydrants are painted red, and the next step is to paint the tops according to the flow, hydrant on Brown & Park needs to be rebuilt, still waiting on parts. Hydrant flushing and servicing is still in progress with about 70% completed. Loren stated he is going to wait flushing on the west side until the project on North and Kay St is completed. Should be a couple of weeks yet.

North St Watermain Extension under the Railroad: Project has started and boring for the casing is scheduled for October 19th, it will take about 12 hours to bore the 130 ft of 24-inch pipe. There was discussion about doing the road repair on the east side from curb to curb instead of just patching the cut outs. Keith and Loren stated the city will need to keep 15ft from the railroad when doing the work.

Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Approved: The city received \$40,000 for this project and are in the process for applying for more.

Grant for Watermain Extension on Elm St: Currently there is no funding available

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Still waiting on Helm to get failed rotor on the west side of the outer ring under warranty. Met with Wilo Manufacturer concerning the R.A.S. 20hp pump that burned up, in the process of trying to get it warrantied.

Sanitary & Storm Sewers: Drainage project along Walnut still delayed due to TPW ROE permitting

Locust/Brown Street Manhole Project: delayed due to railroad permitting

Kay Street Storm & Sanitary: received debt forgiveness and low interest loan, waiting for funding to be released.

Martin Ave Road Extension: waiting for HUD to reimburse \$35,000 for work done so far

GIS Mapping: work in progress

Parks: Westside Park playground equipment was vandalized 6/1/23, parts ordered cost \$7,000,

insurance claim was filed and monies were received. Peters Park paving is scheduled for 10/23/23.

8th Street STU Project: project is completed, and a walk through will be done this week

MFT & RBI Road Project: Mulberry St is completed, and a walk through will be done this week

Staffing: 1 employee has quit and another is out on work comp. Loren stated he is thinking about hiring another employee in January. There was some discussion about the employee's out of pocket expense for insurance. Alderman Marcier stated the city should help with this cost somehow.

Miscellaneous: Fire station 2 parking lot is scheduled to be paved 10/20/23, 8 yards of concrete has been purchased to date for replacement for sidewalks and Peters Park pad, the street sweeper is operating this week including downtown nightly street cleaning.

SCADA for Lift Stations/Oak St Water Tower: Loren provided everyone with quotes from Metropolitan, but he believes they quotes are to high so he will continue looking.

Compensatory Storage at Public Works: Loren provided everyone with options from Robinson Engineering, topographic survey of multiple areas \$4500, title commitment and location of city property corners \$1500, engineering compensatory storage \$3000. After some discussion **Alderman Barragree makes a motion to recommend to the council to move forward with the compensatory storage at public works with a price not to exceed \$9,000 and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.** It was stated to pay this from the water and sewer bond monies.

Kubota Excavator: Loren stated if the department had this piece of equipment, they could do more jobs in house, and he stated they could do the Kingdon's project. If the city chooses to purchase a new excavator a trailer will need to be purchased also. Loren has a quote from McCullough's (Source well) for \$84,914.04 this is with trading in the 2013 Kubota. This machine also has several attachments. **Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the council to purchase a new Kubota Excavator from McCullough's for \$84,914.04 and Alderman Anderson seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.**

The quote for the Econoline trailer is \$15,343.00 but there are taxes on this that will need to come off. **Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to recommend to the council to purchase the 2023 Econoline trailer for a price not to exceed \$15,343 and Alderman Anderson seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.** This will be paid for out of water.

There was some general discussion concerning alternatives to asphalt. One of the alternatives was a dura patch but the equipment would cost about \$100,000 and the other alternative is heat in place recycling. These options will be discussed more in the future.

Loren stated he spent some time downtown working on programming the stop lights. He stated there was an issue at 5th & Walnut but that has now been fixed.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 8:20 and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 8-0.

