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PUBLIC WORKS/WATER WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2023
6:45 PM

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

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

Alderman Cahoe opened the meeting at 6:45 pm. There was no public comment. Public Works Supervisor Loren Grosvenor reported on the following projects:

New Well #11: Received the easement paperwork from Bob Tincher and it has been recorded. Materials have been ordered for the transmission main and city workers will install it. Peerless Midwest has completed the well drilling and the pit less adapter is scheduled to be shipped 11/24/23. Loren stated with the smaller pipe side and shorter distance the project should be about \$32,000 less.

Well 6: Keith is hoping to get comments from the EPA next week. Loren stated the city has been helping other local communities water departments and Sheldon even bought lunch for the guys one day.

Meter Reading Improvements-Radios: 795 radios installed as of 11/21/23.

Fire Hydrants: All hydrants are painted red, and half of the tops have been painted. Hydrant on Brown and Park needs rebuilt, waiting on parts.

North St Watermain Extension under Railroad: Loren stated the crossing is now open and water sampling is being done. There have been multiple problems along the way and the project had to be monitored 24 hours for a few days, the city workers, and the Auxiliary department both helped out with this. Loren stated an extra \$125,000 to \$150,000 has probably been spent. There was also an extra pipe that was discovered that was not on any plans they believe it was an old culvert. The road will be repaved in the spring.

Lead Service Line Inventory Grant Approved: Postcards to residents will be coming out soon

Grant for Watermain Extension on Elm St: No funding currently

Watermain Break on E Oak 11/11/23: Loren stated this area may need to be looked at closer because of multiple breaks over the last few months.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Wilo manufacturer will be warranting the pump, and B&D Electric fixed the connection for the west rotor.

Drainage Project along Walnut: Delayed due to TPW right of way permitting.

Locust/Brown Street Manhole Project: Delayed due to railroad permitting.

Kay St Storm and Sanitary Separation Project: received debt forgiveness and low interest loan waiting for funding to be released. Hopefully this will be put out for bid by the end of the year.

Martin Ave Road Extension: Topography survey will start this week.
Kingdon Storm Sewer Repair: materials have been ordered -4 week wait time.
GIS Mapping: collecting data as time allows
Parks: Peters Park paving has been completed
West Side Fire Station: IPC donated the asphalt for the station parking lot
8th St STU Road Project: project is finished need to do a punch list yet
MFT & RBI Road Projects: Mulberry St is completed, need to do a punch list yet
Staffing: currently down 2 employees and 1 employee out on work comp
Miscellaneous: Street sweeper operating daily for the month of November including nightly downtown street cleaning on the 16th.

Loren has quotes for the SCADA from Metropolitan Pump company for Loveridge Lane, Herron Ct, Martin Ave and W Lafayette Ave lift stations and Water towers at W Lafayette and Oak St for a cost of \$24,850.00 with at \$45/month cost for Verizon cellular service per site. After a short discussion **Alderman Marcier makes a motion to recommend to the Council to accept the quote from Metropolitan Pump Company for \$24850 and Alderwoman Rohlf's seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.**

Loren also had quotes from Alta Equipment Company for a Durapatcher P2 Trailer Mounted Patcher for \$90,978.50. Keith is working on a \$30,000 grant for this machine. It was stated the state and the county both have this machine and maybe the city could get some of the materials needed for this from them. The committee believes this would be a good thing for the city and more discussion will be had next Tuesday during full council.

Mayor Allhands stated he has recently heard from the community about a possible ordinance regarding the corn pile at the elevator and there is no such ordinance even being talked about. Mayor Allhands also stated he is still working on TIF extensions.

Alderman Cahoe makes a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm and Alderman Miller seconded. Roll call carried 9-0.

Dennis Cahoe, Chairman