

**MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

JANUARY 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Jeff Bertram, Keith Hemmesch, Matt Quade, and Dave Peschong. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc. Also present was Kevin Skelly, AMPI.

Motion was made by Quade to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Peschong to elect the following:

Schaefer – Chairperson

Hemmesch – Vice Chairperson

Secretary – Ron Mergen

Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Hemmesch to set the meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

ALLEY VACATION

Members reviewed the alley petition which was tabled from the previous meeting, it was noted the Planning commission has asked for information on several items:

1. Moving the power pole at Hwy. 23 and the alley approach - when the City looked at this previously it would have cost \$7,000.00
2. Verify the alley widths - the alley right of way is 16 feet, it may not appear to be 16 feet because the power poles are in the right of way making it appear narrower
3. Traffic count - members noted it doesn't matter if there are 5 cars or 500 cars at a cost of \$700.00; the City should save the money

After some discussion,

Motion was made by Peschong to deny the petition based on the following:

- **Unsafe condition coming onto Hwy. 23 from the alley**
- **If the alley was vacated it would only leave one exit**
- **The alley going out at James St. - trucks can't turn onto James St. and would go though the next alley all the way down to AMPI**
- **Motorists would have to travel onto private property in order to turn around and it would be very difficult for trucks**

and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.

AMPI/WASTEWATER FACILITY

Skelly presented a spreadsheet of the cost breakdown which would be acceptable to AMPI. The City would rebid the original project at an estimated cost of \$8.9 million dollars. AMPI would participate up to \$2.8 million dollars or 44.7%, the City would be expected to participate at \$2.5 million dollars or 39.7%, and Master Mark would participate at \$1.0 million dollars or 15.7%. The total capacity would be 8,173 lbs per day, of that AMPI would be at 6,500 lbs or 79.5 % of the total or 78.8% of the increase. The City would be at 1,173 lbs or 14.4% of the total or 5.45 % of the increase, and Master Mark would be at 500 lbs or 6.1% of the total or 15.75% of the increase. It was noted that the City resident's bill would increase to a base of \$35.00 and bulk rate of \$3.24 per 1,000 gallons. There was a lengthy discussion on the design conditions, pretreatment options, the grant money, PFA loan and deadlines, and other improvements needed.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to not proceed with the Wastewater Facility based on it would put too much of a burden on the City residents with the rate increase. Seconded by Peschong and passed (Quade abstained).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.