

**MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Keith Hemmesch at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Donovan Mayer, Matt Quade, and Dave Peschong. Mel Schaefer was absent. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

CRACK SEALING

It was reported that the City has been working with Paynesville Township and the City of Melrose for a number of years. The City purchases the needed material and share the rental costs. A cost estimate was reviewed stating the total cost would equal \$8,922.93 split 3 ways or \$2,974.31 each plus router bits if needed. It was noted that Paynesville Township will only purchase 1,000 pounds; the supplier will honor the same price of \$.615 per pound. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the Crack Sealing estimate in the amount of \$2,974.31 plus router bits if needed and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

2013 SEAL COAT PROJECT

Members reviewed the map of the proposed streets and discussed the seal coating process of oil and granite chips to protect the wear surface of the road. The balance in the street equipment/seal is currently at \$300,000.00 and the estimated cost is at \$68,412.00.

Motion was made by Quade to approve the seal coat at an estimated cost of \$68,412.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

CARROLL CT WATER PRESSURE

Mergen explained the history of the area noting the higher elevation of the development in comparison to the water tower and the pressure fluctuations. It was questioned what the previous agreements were and what area the problem encompasses. This information will be put on the next agenda. The options for repairs are reviewed and included:

1. Booster pumps inside each home.
2. A booster station to lift the pressure in the entire area was estimated at \$80,000.00 - \$100,000.00 in 2008.
3. Construct a new tower at an elevation to provide adequate pressure.

The best and ultimate solution is option 3; however, this is not feasible unless the Hilltop area is connected into the system. Members all agreed this should be explored. Mergen will talk to City Administrator, Renee Eckerly and Mayor, Jeff Thompson.

IRRIGATION

Doug Voss submitted a letter asking to irrigate west of County Road 33 under the former pivot 9. Members were informed the site in today's standards would not be approved due to the elevation of ground water.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to deny Doug Voss' request and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

Mergen explained that when a property has an offer for sale that the City has first option. Members discussed the price of the property and noted the City doesn't need the property.

Motion was made by Peschong to not exercise the option to purchase the property and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Mayer and unanimously carried.

STREET SWEEPER

Members reviewed a number of sweepers ranging from 1998 to 2006 models and price ranges from \$20,000.00 to over \$50,000.00. It was suggested that several members visit Macqueen equipment and come back with a recommendation.

LAKE HENRY CONTRACT

Members reviewed a proposed contract. It was explained that the pricing will go to the Budget and Finance Committee to set a rate for any work that is billable.

Motion was made by Quade to approve the contract with Lake Henry and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

WATER PLANT REHAB

DeWolf reported that the design will be completed in March. The plan will be reviewed and approved by the Department of Health. Also noted was that a pilot plant will be set up and run to determine if the proper media is being proposed.

The issue of radio read meter reading was discussed. The cost from HD Water Supply at this time is \$111,000.00 that is down from \$140,000.00 several years ago. The savings would be 3 days of meter reading 4 times per year. Members all concurred this should be revisited when the City goes to monthly reading.

WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT

DeWolf noted the progress the contractor is making on the main lift building and inside the irrigation pump station. DeWolf also elaborated on the PFA loan and MPCA grant process and status that all the issues could be approved tonight.

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