

## **MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**MAY 8, 2013**

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

**Motion was made by Quade to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

### **STREET PATCHING**

Several different methods of patching were discussed; however, the air injection patching is the most cost effective. Two quotes were reviewed. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Quade to approve the quote from Pavement Resources in the amount of \$3,150.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.**

### **RELOCATING FIRE HYDRANT**

A letter from Mike Nehring was reviewed. Nehring is requesting the City pay for one half the cost of relocating the hydrant which is directly in front of his garage front door. Nehring would like it moved approximate 20 feet. Members discussed the fact that hydrants have been relocated; however, the property owners are the benefiting party from the move and have always paid the entire cost. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Hemmesch to continue the policy where the benefiting property pay for the improvements and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

### **WATER PLANT REHAB**

DeWolf reviewed the design of the proposed water treatment plant rehab including:

- Backwash reclaim tank and the benefits of salvaging 90% of the backwash waters which currently go to wastewater plant.
- New filter - it was discussed there will be a 3 month period without filtered water.
- New chemical feed system.
- 450,000 gallon clear well - it was noted this is a change from what was in the water comprehensive plan. The original scope was for 150,000 gallons. It was questioned as to why the change. DeWolf noted it was to maximize the site and the additional cost is approximately \$150,000.00.
- New roof on the building.
- New controls.

After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to approve the water plant rehab design with the increased size of the clear well and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and passed 4:1(Hemmesch, yes; Peschong, yes; Quade, yes; Schaefer, yes; and Mayer, no).**

### **WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT**

DeWolf updated the committee on the construction noting that the work is progressing on the main lift and the contractor will be focusing on the controls at the irrigation pump station to have it operational by the first of June.

### **MPCA – FORMER MIDTOWN SERVICE STATION**

A letter from the MN Department of Health to MPCA was reviewed in which the Department of Health denied the variance request to install the monitoring wells at ground level. An email from Laurie Kania, MPCA was reviewed requesting approval to install the monitoring wells above grade with camouflage or some type of decorative planting or other device. A map with the history of the sampling results were also reviewed noting that wells closer to the site have decreased; however, the wells east of the site and closer to the municipal wells have increased in the amounts of contaminates present. It was discussed that the City doesn't allow any resident to install items on a boulevard; therefore, should not allow MPCA either. Discussed was for MPCA to come up with alternative sites which they may have to pay the property owners to install the wells on private property. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to deny the request and suggest MPCA come up with alternative sites and offer to pay property owners for the installation and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.**

### **HWY. 55 & CO. RD. 181 INTERSECTION**

DeWolf reported that this project will begin this spring.

### **LAKE AVENUE**

A proposed layout was reviewed of the Minnie Street/Lake Avenue intersection with the purchase of 7,700 square feet from the former Credit Union parking lot to round out Lake Ave. onto Minnie St. Members discussed the actual number of trucks and vehicles using the road. It was noted most trucks will not come in this way due to the crossing of Hwy 23. It was also questioned as to the cost of the project. Staff will have estimated costs available at the next meeting along with traffic counts.

### **UTILITY BILLING \$2.00 FEE**

Eckerly reported on the history of the \$2.00 utility billing fee for renters, which staff can't find the record of as to when it was implemented. At this time; however, it costs more time in labor because past due bills (approximately 150 of them) have to be manually reviewed (approximately 4 hours) and the City only collects \$8.00 per year per landlord that has signed up for this.

**Motion was made by Hemmesch to discontinue the \$2.00 renter fee and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.