

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

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

**Motion was made by Quade to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

**STORM WATER PROJECTS**

A letter from Bolton & Menk, Inc. was presented regarding the Clean water competitive grants that are now open. Bolton & Menk are working with the County on the applications, as the County needs to submit the applications. The three projects are:

1. A regional pond in the new Industrial Park area that would take the water from Minnie Street. The total cost is \$285,000.00 with the City's share \$57,000.00. The City's costs would be assessed or have a buy in from the future property owners.
2. The storm water fall outs - these are eroding and in need of repair. The total cost is \$125,000.00 with the City's share of \$25,000.00.
3. The installation of several rain gardens in the community - the County will promote and take the lead on this initiative along with the funding.

**Motion was made by Quade to proceed with the grant applications and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

**WATER & SEWER BUDGETS**

The budgets were reviewed and the changes in the Water Budget were:

- Wellhead grant funds \$10,000.00
- Transfer to CIP up \$5,000.00
- Transfer to equipment replacement up \$11,000.00

The Sewer's budget significant changes were:

- \$10,000.00 for sewer jetting
- \$13,000.00 for pretreatment utility charge
- Debt service for the rehab debt.

The proposed rate changes are \$.09 cents in the water and \$.15 cents in the sewer. Also reviewed were the rate comparisons, connection fees, trunk fees, projected revenue, cash balances, water and sewer loss results, and irrigation results. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to increase the water and sewer rates and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Bertram and unanimously carried.**

### **STREET CIP**

The updated CIP was reviewed with the change of the Downtown area being removed from the 2014 project. Lake Avenue was discussed and it was asked if the City should list the section from Minnie St. to south of the bridge. Members felt the City needs to wait until the issue with the feed mill is resolved. The feed mill site was discussed and that it would not benefit the City in any road design or reconfiguration. The cost to go through at Lake Ave. is \$2.5 million dollars and the feed mill owner has not come forward with a price. No action was taken on Lake Ave.

After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Quade to approve the Street CIP as presented and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

### **RIP RAP**

It was reported that the rip rap was pulled out of the sewer rehab project. Two quotes were received for 1,500 ton of rip rap:

Voss Plumbing	\$63,000.00
Monson Corp	\$72,750.00

Members discussed that to maintain the integrity of the ponds the City should continue the rip rap project as planned.

**Motion was made by Peschong to approve the quote from Voss Plumbing in the amount of \$63,000.00 for rip rap at the ponds and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

### **SNOW PLOWING CONTRACT**

It was reported that the rates and contract are identical to last year.

**Motion was made by Bertram to approve the Snowplowing Contract with D & D Snowplowing and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

### **MNDOT TURN BACK**

MnDOT wants to turn back the portion of Veterans Drive and Arthur Lane to the City. It was questioned if the City can receive any turn back funds for the Arthur Lane portion. The City will request funds from MnDOT for the turn back.

## **POND FENCING**

MnDOT has given the City funding to install fencing along the ponds. Staff will research types of fencing and prices.

## **WELL #3 AND MPCA FORMER MIDTOWN SERVICE STATION**

It was reported that the meeting with the USGS is scheduled for October 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The City received an email from Laurie Kania, MPCA that MPCA can arrange for Well #3 to be sealed and that MPCA would like a letter from the City requesting such. Members all agreed MPCA should pay to seal the well.

## **WELL #6**

The recommendation from Bolton & Menk, Inc. is to reinstall the well pump and use it sparingly and plan to drill a new well within the next five years. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Quade to follow Bolton & Menk's recommendation and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

## **WATER PLAT REHAB**

DeWolf reported that the City is on the PFA list for a low interest loan. The project will resolve the backwash reclaim as 28,000 gallons of water per day is currently going down the drain. This will also resolve the pressure fluctuations. There will be control upgrades, a new filter, and media. A spreadsheet will be drafted to show the debt and projected rates needed to proceed with the project.

## **WASTEWATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT**

DeWolf reported the City is waiting on the PFA people to finalize the loan documents. The City will also be setting up a preconstruction meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.