

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

APRIL 14, 2014

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

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2014 Public Works Committee Meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

JUNE MEETING SCHEDULE

It was reported that due to Town & Country Days the City Council has adjusted its schedule to June 16, 2014. The Committee agreed to change their meeting to June 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

CITY SHOP

Cenex has approached the City and indicated they would like to purchase the City Shop including the cold storage area. Members reviewed the estimated market value of \$74,800.00 for the cold storage and \$79,200.00 for the shop area. It was noted that the City will need several years to plan and budget for this size of project and briefly discussed where to relocate to. Paul Evans will be invited to the next meeting.

WATER PLANT REHAB PROJECT

DeWolf reported that with the warmer weather construction has picked up and the contractor is currently working on the storage tank.

MPCA MIDTOWN GAS

John Hunt with Barr Engineering will be at the City Council meeting and present his findings.

ALLEY BETWEEN RIVER AND AUGUSTA

It was reported that AMPI had the area surveyed. It was noted that there is a partial North /South alley runs about 30 feet into the AMPI property and they would ask that it be vacated when the property is dedicated for right of way. The North /South alley was discussed noting it does not go anywhere and the north portion has been vacated.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to vacate the remainder of the North/South alley when AMPI deeds the 10 feet from River St. to Augusta Ave. for widening the alley right of way and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

2014 STREET PROJECT

DeWolf reported that the preconstruction meeting will be held the week of April 21, 2014.

2015 STREET PROJECT

DeWolf presented the preliminary engineering report with an estimated total project cost of \$1.49 million dollars. The scope of the project would be the realignment of Lake Ave. from Washburne Ave. to the Lake Ave. bridge and Minnie St. from Industrial Park to Lake Ave. It would also include a 12" water main to the North side of the river for future development and a water main loop. Repair of the sanitary sewer line under the railroad tracks to correct the dip in the pipe which is causing a surcharge in the manhole at Washburne Ave. and Railroad St. will also be included. The proposed assessments; under the normal policy, the City paid 50% on Minnie St. the property owners were assessed in 1991, based on the life expectancy of a normal road of 40 years; they are 60% to that point. So the proposal is to assess 60% of the assessment rate of \$68.79; therefore, the Minnie St. rate would be \$41.27. Eckerly informed members that the City would be in better financial condition to support the project if it was postponed until 2016 when several bonds will be paid off. If the City proceeded it will create a spike in the bonds levy payments. Eckerly explained that the City would want to keep the bond payments similar from year to year so the City's budget does not have to bounce like a yoyo.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to accept the report and schedule the project for 2016 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

NUCARA ALLEY

It was reported that the City had met with representatives from NuCara and they requested that the City split the cost of the installation as it is more than just NuCara benefiting from the project. On the City's defense it was stated that the City has a binding agreement and NuCara and NuCara was aware of such agreement prior to purchasing the property. The estimated project cost is approximately \$6,000.00. In the spirit of working together,

Motion was made by Peschong to pay up to one-half of the project cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

PROJECT 55 PRESSURES ZONE

The Committee members requested the report and the minutes of how it came before the City Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.