

## MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**AUGUST 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Dave Peschong, Keith Hemmesch, and Donovan Mayer. Matt Quade 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 June 16 and July 14, 2014 Public Works Committee meetings. Seconded by Mayer and unanimously carried.**

### WATER PLANT REHAB

DeWolf reported that the clear well structure is nearly complete and will be soon ready to fill and test. Once that is complete the filter can be taken out of service for replacement. The City will need to notify residents that they may notice a change in their water.

### 2014 STREET PROJECT

The following was reported:

- On Minnesota Street the contractors are prepping for black dirt and seeding. The wear course will be put on next year.
- On the water loop across the river; the contractor could not bore the line due to large rocks. The City has obtained a DNR permit to **open cut** across the river.
- On Business 23 there is an outfall structure on Richmond St. The outfall pipe has dropped along with the entire slope of the bank. A complete repair with a new manhole at this time would be approximately \$75,000.00. The other option is to do a repair for \$15,000.00 and submit this for grant funding along with the proposed pond in the Industrial Park.

After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to repair the outfall, submit the grant, and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.**

It was also noted that at 515 Mill St. the City has a sewer service with a dip in the line and with the street scheduled for an overlay in a few years now would be the time for a repair. Currently the City crew is cleaning the line 3-4 times per year.

**Motion was made by Hemmesch to repair the sewer service line at 515 Mill St. and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

## **WASTEWATER RE-SCOPING**

DeWolf reported that the project is nearing final completion with the contractor working on punch list items. Members discussed the open house and suggested September 6, 2014.

## **CONSERVATION WATER RATES**

Members reviewed the average usage for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2012 and 2013. Members noted they do not want this to be a penalty, but the City does need to enact the conservation rates to follow the new rules. After short discussion,

**Motion was made by Hemmesch to set a 5 cent increase at 100,000 gallons for the conservation rate and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

## **ALLEY ORDINANCE**

Mergen reported that he had discussed this with the originator of the petition and all they want is a little class five gravel in the pot holes.

## **LED LIGHTING**

Members were presented with the following on the downtown LED replacement fixtures:

Existing cost	\$174.00 annually per fixture
LED cost	\$ 61.60 annually per fixture
Cost savings	\$112.40 annually per fixture

Fixture and installation costs are approximately \$850.00 each and pay back will be approximately 7.5 years. It was reported that the City has 37 lights and the project cost is estimated at \$31,450.00.

**Motion was made by Mayer to install LED lighting in the downtown area and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.