

**MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

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

Motion was made by Hemmesch to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

REGIONAL STORM WATER POND

DeWolf reviewed the scope of the project stating that the pond would treat the water from the entire area including a large portion of Minnie St. It would also provide stubs to private property for those with water drainage issues. The project will be approximately \$275,000.00 and the grant would cover 75% with the local share being \$68,750.00. Also reviewed is the option to purchase the land for the regional pond with Savage Land Partnership. Savage requested the section dealing with excess soils be deleted and add wording to keep the property mowed properly when complete.

Motion was made by Peschong to submit the grant application for the regional pond and extend the option to purchase agreement and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Mayer and unanimously carried.

WATER AND SEWER BUDGETS

The budget line items were reviewed along with the proposed rate increases, rate comparisons, WAC and SAC charges, trunk charges, water and sewer loss reports, projected revenues, cash balances and irrigation details. The proposed rate increases are as follows:

Water	base charge \$1.00	bulk rate \$.12
Sewer	base charge no increase	bulk rate \$.10
WAC & SAC	no increase	
Trunk Charge	no increase	
Industrial Rate CBOD charge for wind mixers	reduce to .005 cents per pound of CBOD.	

After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the increases and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

SNOWPLOWING CONTRACT

Members reviewed the proposed contract. It was stated that there are no proposed changes or rate increases from the previous year. The hourly rate is \$115.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to approve the Snowplowing Contract and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

WATER PLANT REHAB

DeWolf reported that the filter will be taken off line in a week or two and that the City has notified the public that the water quality may change slightly.

2014 STREET PROJECT

DeWolf reported that the Minnesota St. area is complete for this year and the river crossing will be completed this fall.

WASTEWATER RESCOPE PROJECT

Members will tour the Wastewater Facility at their next meeting on October 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

MPCA ACCESS AGREEMENT AND REPORT

The MPCA is requesting another access agreement at 700 South St. on the Maywood Ave. side of the lot. Members discussed how ridiculous this is because if the contamination gets that far it will certainly be found in the wells. It was noted that MPCA is no longer pursuing the greenhouse property for a well. MPCA has identified the back portion of 317 South St. for another well. The Committee also reviewed the sampling results.

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the Access Agreement and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and passed 4:1 (Quade, yes; Peschong, yes; Schaefer, yes; Hemmesch, yes; and Mayer, no).

LED LIGHTING

Staff is working with local electricians on getting prices.

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