

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 11, 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; and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Motion was made by Quade to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.

REGIONAL STORM WATER POND

DeWolf presented a letter requesting authorization to submit a grant for a regional pond through the Clean Water Fund. The area the City is targeting is west of Industrial Loop and Minnie Street. The project will be approximately \$275,000.00 and the grant would cover 75%. The local share would be \$68,750.00. It was also noted that the City is working with the land owner to acquire the property.

Motion was made by Hemmesch to authorize Bolton and Menk, Inc. to submit the grant application for the regional pond and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

WATER AND SEWER BUDGETS

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

Water	base charge no increase	bulk rate \$.08
Sewer	base charge no increase	bulk rate \$.23
WAC & SAC	no increase	
Trunk charge	no increase	

After a short discussion,

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

IRRIGATION TILE LINE REQUEST

A letter and map were reviewed noting Bill Pflipson's request to install a 12" tile line from the City's retention pond which lies, west approximately 2,500 feet into the ditch which runs north/south through his property. Pflipson noted he would pay for all the drainage costs. Members discussed that this could short circuit the water. It was suggested that the City agree to the tiling of the field, but not to the out letting into the ditch.

SNOWPLOWING CONTRACT

The proposed contract was reviewed noting the only change is the hourly rate that increased from \$100.00 to \$115.00 per hour. It was stated that over the past several years the rate has increased minimally and that costs have risen in fuel, cutting edges, etc. It was also noted that in several areas D & D's plowing operation needs to be adjusted.

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

ALLEY BETWEEN RIVER ST. AND AUGUSTA AVE.

It was reported that this is the area where AMPI is deeding 10' as road right of way; this area is now gravel. Members discussed paving this with the 2104 project. DeWolf will bring a cost estimate to the next meeting.

WATER PLANT REHAB

DeWolf reviewed the bids with the apparent low bidder being Magney Construction in the amount of \$3,128,700.00. The Committee also reviewed the proposed rate increase analysis to cover the costs. After a short discussion,

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

WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT

It was reported that the irrigation pump station and the pretreatment station pumps and blowers are all on line. The main lift station is scheduled to go on line Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

MPCA – FORMER MIDTOWN SERVICE STATION

There was no report at this time.

2014 STREET PROJECT

DeWolf reported that he is currently working on the design.

COAKLEY ST. WASHOUTS

It was reported that Mergen met with DeWolf and Don Pietsch. The conclusion is that it will be extremely expensive to install any corrective measure at this time and that as the area develops the developer will be required to install water retention. In the area of Spruce St. and Coakley St. the best time to get this corrected is when the street is scheduled for an overlay or rehab which is currently 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.