

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 8, 2014

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 September 8, 2014 and October 13, 2014 Public Works Committee meetings. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

2015 SEALCOAT PROJECT

The map of the proposed 2015 Seal Coat Project was reviewed. The downtown is not scheduled for a reconstruct until 2023. It has been proposed to sealcoat with granite chips and then add a tack coat similar to the County and State projects. It was questioned as to why the City is not doing Burr, Maple, and Ponderosa near Hwy 55. It was explained that these streets are scheduled for a reconstruct within five years.

FUTURE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Members reviewed a concept drawing of a future shop:

- 150 x 52 heated area
- 80 x 52 cold storage
- Shop
- Fenced area of 10,000 square feet with concrete bunkers for black dirt, class five, street sweeping debris and mulch
- Rough cost estimate is \$700,000.00 to \$800,000.00 at this time for a post frame building
- Steel frame structure would add \$10.00 a square foot or about \$80,000.00

Members questioned the need. It was explained that there is a need for more room, but the driving factor is Cenex wanting to purchase the City's shop for economic growth. The market value of the City property is approximately \$160,000.00. For budgeting purposes the City would take ¼ of the costs from each; the water, sewer, street funds as well as the monies from the property purchase. Members commented there is no sense to proceed with the shop design until there is an agreement with Cenex on the land purchase.

Motion was made by Peschong to have the property appraised and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Hemmesch and unanimously carried.

WATER PLANT REHAB

DeWolf reported that the filter was put on line and the project completion will be June or July of 2015.

LED LIGHTING

It was reported that some of the City's issues with the LED lighting were discussed including:

- The number of feed points in the downtown area are 6
- Plan is bring that down to 3
- Bolton & Menk reviewed the fixtures and the wiring size to verify that it is adequately sized in order to eliminate several feed points

The Committee also reviewed the MnDOT lighting (54 lights) which we are responsible for the monthly electric billing. DeWolf noted the City is waiting to hear from MnDOT in regards to replacing the light fixtures since the City is the one paying the bills.

BOOSTER STATION

DeWolf reported that the booster station project has qualified for PFA funding. If the City wants to proceed; design plans and specifications would need to be submitted by March 30, 2015. The City can stay on the funding list for up to five years. It was noted that the Council has put this item on a Working Session agenda and members are invited to attend. It was questioned as to where the station would be located. It was suggested on the property at the corner of County Road 181 and Spruce St.

There was some discussion on the need for the project and if the City has an annexation/development plan. It was suggested that the City pay for the maintenance and replacement of the booster pumps in the homes and be more money ahead.

It was further stated that the previous motion that the Committee made never made it to Council. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Peschong to put the booster station project on hold until the City has an annexation/development plan and the City pay 100% of the maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of any of the private booster pumps in the Spruce St. and Carroll Ct. area and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.