

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Jeff Bertram, 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 Hemmesch to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

WATER PLANT REHAB

The issue of high ammonia levels in well #8 was discussed. The Department of Health recommends a biologically active filter to remove the ammonia. The other option is to reduce the flow rate of well #8 or increase the chlorine dosage. The negative to not treating is the treatment process will occur out in the distribution system and create taste and odor issues. These pros and cons will be brought to the January meeting.

WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT

A proposal was presented to the Commission to trade in pivots #14 and #15 at \$15,000.00 each and have Hydro change the tires at a cost of \$4,900.00 leaving \$24,218.00. Members discussed the option of the City bidding them out. The City may get \$20,000.00 and the City may only get \$10,000.00. Along with this is a proposal to purchase 20 new gear boxes at \$412.68 each. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Bertram to approve trading in the pivots with the tire change out, deduct the cost of \$24,218.00, purchase the 20 gear boxes at a total \$8,253.60, and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

XCEL POLE YARD

Members discussed the sites and noted the negatives to the ambulance garage site being:

- The road may not be designed for the heavy trucks
- The term of the agreement will need to be shortened as the property may be utilized for development
- The potential for contamination with the storage of transformers

Members consented that this would not be their first choice as a pole yard.

SIDEWALK AND SNOW ORDINANCE

Members reviewed the sidewalk snow removal ordinance and discussed the following:

- Change twenty four to forty eight hours in Subd. 1. 24 hours is not an adequate amount of time.

- Delete the citation and make it the same as the mowing ordinance where the City sends notice and charges a fee.
- The fee was discussed and a private contractor will charge \$45.00. The City wants to encourage residents to hire someone else. \$75.00 was suggested.

Motion was made by Quade to approve the suggested changes to the sidewalk snow removal ordinance, to set the fee at \$75.00, and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.