

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

November 24, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Walters
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Moore
Alderman Heberling

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Budd
Alderman Jones
City Engineer Joe Greene
Superintendent Wiseman

J.C. Olive
Lonnie Gilpin
Kathy Wexstten
Shirley Sams

Chairman Walters called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SEWER REPAIR AT 722 S. FLORENCE ST.

J.C. Olive came before the Committee to request reimbursement for a sewer repair at his home located at 722 S. Florence in accordance with the City's Ordinance. He presented an itemized invoice. He was asked if the sewer tap was broken, he advised it was not but the Ordinance states sewer and sewer tap. He thinks the City should help pay for the repaired sewer line. The Committee asked Superintendent Wiseman for his opinion; he stated the City should not be responsible because the tap was not broken. He advised the City provided the saddle which he should not have been charged for and looking at the bill he was not. Mr. Olive stated he felt the City should be responsible as the bell before the tap was full of tree roots. He was advised the City only reimburses if the tap is broken. Mr. Olive stated the ordinance does not say specifically that the tap has to be broken. If that's the case the wording in the ordinance needs to be amended and thanked the Committee for their consideration. The Committee advised this will be reviewed at an upcoming Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Alderman Dorchinecz stated he has been struggling with this for two years; if there is a broken tap at the main you are responsible, but the City will reimburse up to \$1,750.00. If the problem is in the sewer line, it is the homeowners' responsibility.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to deny the request for reimbursement of sewer repair from J.C. Olive at 722 S. Florence Street. Motion carried 4-0.

SEMI TRUCK TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - PARK AND LONG STREETS

Mr. Lonnie Gilpin was present to discuss the semi-truck problem on Park and Long Streets stating he has chased semi drivers down himself to advise them they are not allowed in some areas. In one instance he stopped a semi with a big loader that left gouges in the road in three different areas. He made him stay until the Police arrived, the driver didn't speak English.

The Committee stated this has been an ongoing problem with semi drivers trying to find their way to Ahlstrom's. Mr. Gilpin advised the problem isn't only the drivers for Ahlstrom's that he witnessed a trailer loaded with antique cars. Alderman Budd stated he has also witnessed semi drivers in areas they shouldn't be and tried to talk to them but experienced the same problem as Mr. Gilpin, the driver didn't speak English.

Mr. Olive is an employee of Ahlstrom's and stated they have worked with the City in providing signage for their drivers, and informed the Committee they are doing all they can to help. He advised there is a commercial GPS system and their logistics have checked it and it is programmed correctly. Some members stated that if they are using GPS systems to get there perhaps they are not following it when they leave. It was suggested that a sign be put up inside the gate so they would see it when they pull out from the parking lot. Mr. Olive advised he would speak with Plant Manager, Mike Hady.

REQUEST FOR A YIELD VS STOP SIGN AT EAST MARKET AND SOUTH PAWNEE

The Committee discussed the request for a Yield vs. Stop Sign at East Market and South Pawnee Streets. Chairman Walters advised there is a yield sign on Pawnee Street at East Market and there is no need for a stop sign. The request also asked for the trees on Pawnee Street to be trimmed to provide better vision of the yield signs, especially on the north side of Market. Superintendent Wiseman advised he would get the trees trimmed. They also asked if the Police Department could monitor the speed of some of the drivers. Superintendent Wiseman advised he used to have a cable to monitor speed. He will research the cost of a new one; he thinks the cost will be approximately \$2,000.00.

REQUEST FOR A YIELD SIGN AT EAST ADAMS AND SOUTH PAWNEE STREETS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to place a Yield Sign at East Adams and South Pawnee Streets. The Yield Sign will be placed on South Pawnee Street. Motion carried 4-0.

REQUEST FOR A 4-WAY STOP AT PARK AVENUE AND TAYLORVILLE BOULEVARD STREETS

The Committee discussed the request for a 4-Way Stop at Park Avenue and Taylorville Boulevard Street. There was no action taken at this time.

SIMPSON STREET STORM SEWER

Kathy Wexstten, resident of Simpson Street advised on June 28th there was 2 ½ inches of rain in a half hour and her yard was completely flooded with water and sewage. She advised there was a sewer drain north of her house where she could see the sewage all the way to the top. Her neighbors also had problems. She tried to call Alderman Jones who was at work but he advised her to call Superintendent Wiseman who contacted City Engineer Joe Greene. Mr. Greene recommended running a sewer line from the north side of Maple to Adams on Simpson, with the cost of this project \$18,095.20. Ms. Wexstten is very pleased this problem is going to be corrected and asked if she could have a copy of the plans to share with her neighbors. She was advised the project won't be finished until Spring as the six feet of rock will have to settle for a year before it can be asphalted.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Wiseman to proceed with the Simpson Street Storm Sewer repair with the funds (\$18,095.20) coming from Ward III Utility Tax monies. Motion carried 4-0.

TAYLORVILLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REQUESTS CITY CONTRIBUTION FOR SEWER INSTALLATION

Representatives from Taylorville Memorial Hospital asked if the City would contribute towards the cost of running a new 48" sewer around the hospital. They plan to tear down the old hospital and replace it with a one story no basement 25 bed unit. They will have millions invested in this project that they plan to finish by 2018. A new sewer would benefit the surrounding area and eliminate the current odor problem in this area.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to approve the contribution of \$6,250.00 from each Ward Utility Tax monies for a total of \$25,000.00 to the Taylorville Memorial Hospital Sewer Installation Project. Motion carried 4-0.

WYANDOTTE COMBINED SEWER PROJECT FUNDING

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Wiseman to proceed with the Wyandotte Combined Sewer Project at a cost of \$12,500.00 coming from the sewer fund line item. Motion carried 4-0.

12" STORM SEWER LINE AT WATSON FOODS

Superintendent Wiseman advised they need to run a 12" storm sewer line at Watson Foods. In order to do this project a field on Spresser Street has to be plowed to place tile to tie into a manhole; with the cost of the pipe and trenching to be \$6,632.00. This estimate was presented to Watson Foods and they agreed to pay \$3,500.00 towards the project.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Wiseman to proceed with the 12" Storm Sewer Line for Watson Foods with Watson Foods contributing \$3,500.00 to the project. Motion carried 4-0.

12" SEWER LINE FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON RT.29

City Engineer Joe Greene advised he received a call from Tom Finks representing the Calvary Baptist Church regarding a 12" sewer line for Calvary Baptist Church on Rt. 29. Mr. Greene told him they could put a lift station in for approximately \$50,000.00. Mr. Finks would like a cost sharing if possible to run a sewer line from McCabe's property up to 1600 North Road. Mr. Greene advised him it would be very expensive. He presented the Committee with a cost estimate for a 12" line; the construction cost estimate is \$407,500.00 and a payment plan based on the project using a Capital Recovery interest rate of 2% would create a \$45,367.00 annual payment.

He advised there is a 12" line about 17' deep that can be extended that would be able to serve 180 acres and this would be a great opportunity for development. Mr. Greene was asked if this line could be used for the Industrial Park and he advised no that would have to come off of the 30" line serving Walmart. Mayor Brotherton advised Mary Renner has discussed a TIF area; maybe this could be it. There was no action taken as Mr. Finks was inquiring for the church the cost and whether or not the City would consider a cost share option.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH IDNR RE: RICH/ENGLAND ALLEY REPAIR MINE SUBSIDENCE

Mr. Greene advised the Illinois Department of Natural Resources sent the Mayor an agreement to sign for the Intergovernmental Agreement with IDNR re: Rich/England Alley Repair Mine Subsidence. The City has to pay for the work upfront to the contractor, then they will reimburse.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to proceed with the Intergovernmental Agreement with IDNR re: Rich/England Alley Repair Mine Subsidence, but not to put out for bids until the State passes a budget. Motion carried 4-0.

MARKET STREET LIFT STATION REHABILITATION

Superintendent Wiseman advised the Market Street Lift Station Rehabilitation project should be started next week. The City Council passed Resolution No. 1298 for an agreement between the City of Taylorville and Vandevanter Engineering for engineering services for the Market Street Lift Station retrofit, which converts the system from a dry can station to a submersible pump system.

PURCHASE 10 TON ROLLER

Superintendent Wiseman advised the Committee three weeks ago the roller was parked on Central Avenue when it caught fire. A man was parked at White Line Trucking at 5:00 A.M. in his semi when he heard a loud pop and the roller was burning. The insurance company totaled it and paid \$10,000.00; the insurance report indicated the battery caught fire. He is looking for a used one.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE WITH ENBRIDGE PIPELINES

Mr. James Casolari, representative of Enbridge Pipelines had presented the Mayor with a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Enbridge Pipelines for the cost to repair and resurface a section of 1550 N. Rd, 382' long by 18' wide, which was damaged by trucks hauling pipe to and from a containment yard for Enbridge.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to direct the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement Mutual Release with Enbridge Pipelines for damages caused by trucks hauling pipe to and from a containment yard for Enbridge at an amount of \$ 3,035.66. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Wiseman reported the Street & Sewer Departments have:

- Finished working on the Central Avenue 36" Storm Sewer
- Helped the Lake clean up silt
- Hauled a lot of yard waste
- Worked on some drainage areas

ANY OTHER MATTERS

There was discussion regarding leaf burning. Some Aldermen felt you should be allowed to burn any time as opposed to having everyone burn at the same time with the whole City being covered with smoke. Alderman Jones will be asked to discuss this at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Motion by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman