

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

March 24, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Walters
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Moore

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Budd
Sean Helmer
Nancy McClure
Shamsher Singh Amar

Superintendent Wiseman
Debbie Johnson
Rhonda Trost
Bev Morrison

Chairman Walters called the meeting to order at 6:41P.M.

TAYLORVILLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 5K RUN/WALK

Debbie Johnson and Rhonda Trost, representing the Taylorville Memorial Hospital 5K Committee, requested permission to hold their Annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to approve the request and issue a Special Events Permit to Taylorville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for their annual 5K Run/Walk Event to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried 4-0.

LITTLE JOHN DIGESTER PURCHASE FOR PRISON/SPILLWAY/PERSHING AND NORTHWEST LIFT STATIONS

In early March Mayor Brotherton, Norm Ramsey and Street & Sewer Superintendent Wiseman met in the Council Chambers to discuss a pretreatment system for lift stations in an effort to alleviate the odor from waste generated by the prison. Those present were very impressed with the presentation.

Sean Helmer with Delivering Oxygen to the Environment (DO2E) stated The Little John Digester is a state of the art pretreatment system for wet wells and lift stations that injects air through a specially designed air manifold system constructed of heavy-duty non-corrosive materials. The system uses three means of digestion: Mechanical, Chemical and Biological, which simultaneously converts F.O.G. (fats, oils & grease) into Carbon Dioxide and Water on contact. It begins oxidizing after 30 minutes of installation and it sweetens the wastewater. It uses 2-3 amps and has no upkeep – only keeping the filters clean.

The Committee discussed purchasing one each for the Prison, Spillway, Pershing and Northwest Lift Stations at a cost of \$100,000.00 with fieldwork not to exceed \$20,000.00 per station.

There is a money back guarantee. Mr. Helmer gave the Committee a list of cities that have this system, and welcomed the Aldermen to call. Mayor Brotherton will visit or get a video of a system.

Committee members discussed where the money for purchase would come from. It was noted that as the \$50,000.00 per quarter paying off the loan from the Water Fund has been paid back, we could earmark \$50,000.00 per quarter to pay off the Little John Digesters. It was decided

that we could dig dirt and lay the concrete pads and do some of the work ahead in order to get the project moving hopefully in May.

ISSUES REGARDING RANIER DRIVE AND LOT TO THE WEST

Realtor Nancy McClure and prospective buyer Shamsher Singh Amar came before the Committee requesting that Ranier Drive be changed from a private drive to a City Street. He asked if the City would put in a street or allow him to put in a street and waive his real estate taxes. This matter has been discussed several times in the past with other prospective buyers of the property. The developer of the subdivision never finished Ranier Drive – it is just a grass path leading to the property. The people who developed the subdivision were contacted about selling a portion to make a wider road and stated the property is in a Trust and they will not open the Trust.

Attorney Romano will be asked who is responsible for putting in a road.

PURCHASE COMPUTER & MONITOR WITH MIKE FOR TV VAN

Superintendent Wiseman presented a quote of \$2,246.85 from Computer Techniques for a mobile recording computer for the TV Van. You speak and the computer records while the sewer line is being TV'd.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to recommend to the City Council to approve the quote of \$2,246.85 from Computer Techniques for a mobile recording computer for the TV Van for the Sewer Department. Motion carried 4-0.

FY 2016/2017 STREET/SEWER/GARBAGE AND MFT BUDGETS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to forward the 2016/2017 Street/Sewer/Garbage and MFT Budgets to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

30" NORTHEAST SANITARY SEWER

The Sanitary District liked the idea of the aerator system (Little John Digester) so they agreed to sign the papers for the City's loan for the 30" Northeast Sanitary Sewer. The proposed purchase of the Digester will allow the City time to see if it works before proceeding with funding. Mayor Brotherton advised that the need for the 30" Sanitary Sewer is still there.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Street and Sewer Departments have been working on the East Main Cross Project and patching roads.

There is a problem at the old Pepsi Plant on Springfield Road, now owned by the school district. Several years ago the Street Department concreted the manhole shut. It was just found that their sewer has been emptying into that manhole. Superintendent Wiseman feels it may cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to reroute to a sewer main behind Battery Specialist.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Superintendent Wiseman informed the Committee of several problems of cars parking on West Poplar and Shumway making it hard to turn onto the street and trailers parked on Cheney Street at West Poplar with no tail lights.

Taylorville Christian Church Site Plan

Alderman Heberling distributed a map of the proposed expansion of the parking lot of the Taylorville Christian Church. The Site Plan shows where possible water drainage will run. He asked if there would be a need for a detention pond. He has also asked City Engineer Joe Greene. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Grunloh-Midtowne Plaza

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee Members that Mr. Grunloh had e-mailed him asking the City to waive tapping fees, provide lighting, and take ownership of the private road. The Committee Members agreed that waiving the tapping fees had been discussed along with participation in the installation of the sidewalk. Alderman Budd feels we should work with developers as it will bring more businesses to the area. The Mayor will continue the discussion with Mr. Grunloh.

Superintendent Wiseman was asked to look into a concrete post at the end of Esther Street.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Moore to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman