

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

January 24, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alderman Walters
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Koonce
Alderman Heberling

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Wiseman
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Lawrence
Christy & Tony Hunt
Andy Lasswell
Bev Morrison

Mayor Brotherton
Alderman Jones
Rob Thomason
Larry Budd
Bill Newberry

Chairman Walters called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

RED BLAND LITTLE LEAGUE-REQUEST FOR PARADE AND CHARITABLE FUND DRIVE

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the request for the Red Bland Little League Parade to be held Saturday, April 20, 2013 with line up from 9:00 to 9:30 A.M., with the route leaving St. Mary's at 10:00 A.M., going around the Square, and back to Manners Park; and approve the request for a Charitable Fund Drive for their Annual Decal day at the corner of West Main Cross and Webster Streets to be held April 27, 2013. Motion carried 4-0.

LANGLEYVILLE ROAD SPEED LIMIT

With the recent annexation of the Lighthouse Learning Center, the Committee discussed Christy Hunt's request to lower the speed limit on Langleyville Road as cars travel at excessive speeds when young children are present. No motion is needed as City Ordinance requires a 30 mile per hour speed limit for streets within City limits. Thirty (30) Mile Per Hour Speed Limit signs will be placed on Langleyville Road from Cheney Street to Broaddus Road and enforcement will be requested.

FARMERS MARKET-ADDITIONAL STREET SIGNAGE REQUEST

Becky Edwards, Executive Director of Taylorville Main Street, has requested a third sign be placed on the South Side of the Courthouse Square for "No Parking from 6:00 A.M to 10:00 A.M. on Saturdays during The Farmers Market". There are currently two signs on the east side of the Square, but due to the success of the market, more area is needed. These signs attach to a snow and 2-hour parking sign post. Ms. Edwards will be asked to contact merchants regarding this request for a third sign.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to amend the ordinance regarding signage for the Farmers Market to include a third sign on the Courthouse Square. Motion carried 4-0.

TNT CONTRACTING, INC - PAY REQUEST #4-WARD II CITY PARK ADDITION-PHASE 3 STORM SEWER PROJECT

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve Pay Request #4 from TNT Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$27,223.11 for the Ward II-City Park Addition-Phase 3 Storm Sewer Project. Motion carried 4-0.

The City reduced the amount paid as the Street Department will finish the ditch, road surface and seeding.

ENFORCEMENT OF SITE PLAN PROJECTS

The Committee again discussed the issue of there being no time limit for finishing Site Plan Projects. This matter will be sent to the Ordinance Committee to review the Site Plan Ordinance. Mayor Brotherton will contact the City Attorney regarding the individual who has not completed his project.

SEEK BIDS-GARBAGE DISPOSAL/FUEL/SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT/CURB REPLACEMENT/CONCRETE

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to direct Superintendent Wiseman to seek bids for Garbage Disposal, Fuel, Sidewalk Replacement, Curb Replacement and Concrete. Motion carried 4-0.

700 BLOCK POPLAR STREET SEWER

At the November 2012 Street and Sewer Committee Meeting, members were told of the condition of the sewer line in the 700 Block of West Poplar Street. ICTC was contacted to see if they would help share the expense in repairing the line as they have fiber optics in the alley. Superintendent Wiseman reported they repaired their lines and declined helping with the expense of the sewer line. Superintendent Wiseman will contact Treasurer France regarding \$40,000.00 funding for lining the Poplar Street Sewer.

SEEK BIDS-VACTOR TRUCK

Superintendent Wiseman would like to replace the 1993 Vactor. He has priced a demo for \$293,588.00 with warranty. He has talked to Treasurer France about financing the vactor for 10 year with payments of \$30,000.00 per year. The old vactor could be sold for approximately \$14,000.00 or we could keep using it. It will take six or seven months for the new vactor to be built.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct Superintendent Wiseman to work with Treasurer France in purchasing the new Vactor Truck. Motion carried 4-0.

ENGINEERING TO UPGRADE EAST MAIN CROSS

Superintendent Wiseman would like to get a cost estimate to upgrade East Main Cross from Water Street to Walnut Street with new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and asphalt. He would like to work with the Railroad to reduce the hump in the road. He would like to use \$500,000.00 MFT money, money from all four wards and either Stimulus Money or a low interest loan to complete the project.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to direct City Engineer Joe Greene to perform a Scope of the Project/Cost Estimate for upgrading East Main Cross from Water Street to Walnut Street at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

PURCHASE TRUCKS

Superintendent Wiseman would like to purchase two new F350 Ford Trucks; one for the Street Department and one for the Sewer Department.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Wiseman to put in the 2013/2014 FY Budget a Ford F350 Super Cab 4-wheel drive truck for the Sewer Department at State Bid price of \$28,255.00 and a Ford F350 Crew Cab 4-wheel drive truck for the Street Department at State Bid price of \$29,800.00. Motion carried 4-0.

ENGINEERING LOAN AGREEMENT APPLICATION-CITY PARK

The Governor announced that one billion dollars are available through the IEPA State Revolving Fund (SRF), in low-cost loans to local governments for Waste Water and Drinking Water capital projects. The program is the Clean Water Initiative. The IEPA agrees that Storm Sewers are included in this program but consists of loans only-no grants or principle forgiveness. The interest rate today on loans is 1.92%. City Engineer Joe Greene has offered to complete the necessary paper work to get the loan process started and to complete a loan application for a lump sum fee of \$3,000.00 instead of the customary \$5,000.00.

Superintendent Wiseman and Alderman Walters feel this loan would help finance Storm Water Separation on Park Avenue from Pine to Cheney, on Silver Street from Park Avenue to Elm, and on Elm Street from Silver to the lot behind MIA.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to direct City Engineer Joe Greene to complete the loan application for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency State Revolving Fund "Clean Water Initiative" application process at a cost of \$3,000.00 for the City Park Area. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Street signs have been put up in Wards 1 & 2. One hundred feet of sewer line has been laid on S. Cherokee Street. The departments helped the phone company lay lines in the alley behind 716 W. Poplar. Employees have been doing maintenance and training during the cold weather.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

East Elm Sewer Area

Alderman Jones asked about the storm sewer on the West Elm Area. Alderman Walters stated the City did nothing for the benefit of Hathaway Homes.

Sewer Bond Money

Chairman Walters reported that there is \$1,143,335.84 of the \$10 million sewer bond issue left to be used. This could be used with low interest loans or on storm separation in other wards.

1434 Lincoln Avenue-Sewer Issue

The owner of property at 1434 Lincoln Avenue has issues with the \$250.00 Sewer Excavation Fee. This fee is required when a plumber is going to dig and may go onto City property and repairs may have to be made. Even though the front part of the property by the road is the homeowner's property it is still considered City property because of the easement. This owner felt although the plumber did slightly go onto "City Property", they will not be doing any of the clean up or repairs (raking and moving dirt) as he has already done it and feels he should not be responsible for this excavation fee which is passed on to him by the plumber.

Superintendent Wiseman feels these fees encourage contractors to come to the City before digging. He said the plumber did go over the line and this situation fits the ordinance.

The homeowner stated he wanted the Committee to look at this fee.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee that the City had been notified by Terry Fountain of IDOT that the decision to waive \$35,027.31 of engineering fees associated with the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant had been reversed. This means that the City will have to repay these funds. One possible option is to complete a qualified project in the same designated area. According to Terry Fountain and Kim Cummins of IDOT even a smaller project might allow them to credit the entire amount toward that project instead of forcing the City to repay the funds. Mayor Brotherton will have this topic as an agenda item on next month's meeting.

North East Sewer/Industrial Park/Sanitary District

Alderman Lawrence started a lengthy discussion on the critical need for sewers for the development of the Industrial Park Area. He suggested the remainder of the \$10 million sewer bond money could be used on this project. He would like to have a meeting on the Industrial Park Project.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman