

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

May 22, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alderman Walters
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Koonce

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Wiseman
Alderman Burtle
Annette VanHooser
Michael Rahar
George/Janis Ortman
Dustin/Hilary Yantis
Joe Chlebus
Bev Morrison

Mayor Brotherton
Dwanna Kelmel
Cody Sunderland
Lee Austif
Jeff/Laura Quimby
Bill/Patty Beck
Ken Root

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

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS REQUEST TO BLOCK OFF LINCOLN AVENUE

Mike Rahar, District Manager of O'Reilly Auto Parts, was present to request permission to close Lincoln Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday June 20th for the 3rd Annual Car Cruise. This event brought in over 100 registered cars from all over the State of Illinois and some from Indiana and Missouri last year.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of O'Reilly Auto Parts to close Lincoln Avenue from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20th for the 3rd Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Car Cruise. Motion carried 4-0.

OPTIMIST CLUB CHARITABLE FUND DRIVE

Mayor Brotherton requested permission for the Optimist Club to solicit funds for the 4th of July fireworks.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of the Optimist Club to solicit funds at the corner of West Main Cross and Webster Street on Flag Day, June 14th to help support the annual fireworks celebration, subject to approval of the Special Events Permit. Motion carried 4-0.

DITCH AT 120 S. SPRESSER STREET-GLASS CUTTERS

Dwanna Kelmel, owner of the Glass Cutters at 120 S. Spresser, is requesting that the drainage ditch in front of the Glass Cutters be filled in with dirt. She stated that the ditch is very deep and makes it difficult for her to mow. Superintendent Wiseman stated the deep ditch was cut by the State before 1993 when it was taken over by the City. He estimates the cost of installing concrete pipe (which is very expensive) in the ditch, then covering it with dirt, to be \$5,500.00 and we cannot afford to do this for everyone who asks. He will look into the cost of plastic pipe (which may break if driven over), and into grading the ditch to make it shallower. This will be placed on the next agenda.

SEWER TAP REPAIRS IN EAST OAK & EAST ASH STREET AREAS

Several residents on East Ash, East Oak and North Cherokee received letters from the Sewer Department regarding broken sewer taps stating it is the property owner's responsibility for expenses, maintenance and repair of the sewer line up to the main tap. Many of the residents spoke to the Committee with concerns of all seven of the properties on the block having broken taps. They asked if there could be a problem with the City's sewer main which could cause problems to each of their lines. They are not opposed to having their lines fixed if it is indeed their problem, but want to make sure there is not another problem in case in the future there would be and they would be asked to go to this great expense again. The estimates for repair are approximately \$2,500.00 each. Mayor Brotherton will contact City Engineer Joe Greene to investigate the problem.

CONTRACTORS USING YARD WASTE FACILITY

Superintendent Wiseman has concerns with mowing contractors using the City's Yard Waste Facility to dump refuse they have been contracted and paid by City homeowners to mow/cleanup and dispose of. He feels this is a service we offer to residents who pay real estate taxes. He stated we cannot be sure if the refuse was brought in from another town. Ken Root, owner of 1st Class Mowing, a licensed business spoke for the need of a place to dump his refuse. Committee members discussed a yearly fee for licensed contractors for grass and leaves, but no trees. This matter will be placed on the next agenda.

SALE OF OLD VACTOR

Chairman Walters spoke to a member of the Sanitary District Board about purchasing our old vactor. Coe Equipment told Supt. Wiseman it was worth approximately \$36,000.00. Coe Equipment did an analysis of the Old Vactor, which was paid for by the Sanitary District, showing it being worth \$15,000.00. For now the Old Vactor will be kept for other City Departments use.

REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN AT BIDWELL & SNODGRASS

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance placing stop signs on Bidwell Street at Snodgrass. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Wiseman reported his crew has been patching, rocking alleys, doing yearly maintenance and has installed two catch basins on Park Avenue. He noted they took down a beaver dam behind Grant Automotive, which has already been rebuilt. He will contact a conservation officer to have the beaver relocated.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Superintendent Wiseman would like to contract mapping for his department at \$27.00 per hour. He will ask if any other department is interested.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman