

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

July 24, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alderman Walters
Alderman Heberling
Alderman Koonce

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Wiseman
Joe Greene
Gene/Norma Anderson

Alderman Burtle
Sarah Anderson
Bev Morrison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alderman Dorchinecz

Chairman Walters called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

605 WEST FIRST STREET-SEWER ISSUE

Bo Anderson had sewer backup in June and called the Sewer Department to his property at 605 West First Street. He feels he was given misinformation from Sewer Department employees when they told him it was not a City problem and the line runs to the alley, when it was later discovered that there was a six inch sewer line in a manhole that the City did not know about. Mr. Anderson feels he spent considerable money looking for the problem when it was not where City employees stated and would like to be reimbursed for some of his expense. At the June 26th Street & Sewer Committee Meeting Bo Anderson asked for reimbursement of \$325.00 for digging and \$350.00 to level the rock on his driveway. Sewer Department employees had told him his sewer line runs to the alley when it did not.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to reimburse Bo Anderson \$675.00 for sewer location expenses on his property at 605 West First Street. Motion carried 4-0.

TAYLORVILLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 5K RUN/WALK

Taylorville Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, September 20th. The proceeds from this event allow individuals with no current insurance from Taylorville and Christian County to have a screening mammogram.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the second annual 5K Fun Run/Walk, "Take the Girls Out for a Run" sponsored by Taylorville Memorial Hospital in cooperation with the Taylorville Cups/Wine Event for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. Motion carried 3-0.

GOWIN PARC SEWER ISSUE

There have been issues the last several years with items such as diapers, medical gloves and supplies being flushed from toilets and being caught in a basket in a manhole serving the Gowin Parc facility. Superintendent Wiseman had pictures taken July 1st, 7th, 21st and 24th. It is also getting caught in the Southeast Sanitary Sewer. Superintendent Wiseman stated we have two \$9,000.00 pumps and we do not want to be replacing them because Gowin Parc did not follow plans that were approved at the Plan Commission. Jason Gowin told Joe Greene (who is representing Gowin Parc in this issue) that they will put \$5,000.00 toward the issue and the City can finish the rest.

City Engineer Joe Greene said to remedy the situation Gowin Parc could install a muffin monster system at \$47,750.00 or a Grinder pump at \$30,000.00. The plans from the Site Plan which were approved at the Plan Commission called for a tank which they will have to clean out and have scheduled maintenance. Joe Greene recommended monthly cleaning at first (The City will keep the basket just in case) and the situation must be taken care of now.

Chairman Walters brought up the situation of a cross easement for parking with the YMCA and the retention pond which Gowin Parc never pursued. The Committee feels that Gowin Parc must complete these two items plus install the holding tank which were items all required in the Site Plan. The Committee discussed giving them the two years of free water which is offered by ordinance when a new business brings 15 jobs to the City, but that cannot be done until the City and the County make a change in the Enterprise Zone Agreement. The City could give credit toward the holding tank for two years of free water.

Gowin Parc will be required to complete the parking issue with the YMCA, build a retention pond, and install the holding tank. The City will then do a walk thru to see if all has been completed as per the Site Plan.

REMOVAL COST OF TREES APPROVED BY TREE BOARD

Two Tree Board motions from the June 26th Street and Sewer Committee Meeting were tabled until Superintendent Wiseman could research prices for taking down the trees.

304 - 310 Richmond Avenue

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to allow Langen Farms, Inc. to cut down and clean up one tree at 310 Richmond Avenue at a cost of \$400.00 to be paid by the property owner. Motion carried 3-0.

1021 West Poplar

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to allow Langen Farms, Inc. to take down and clean up two trees at 1021 W. Poplar Street at a cost of \$1,300.00 to be paid by the City. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Wiseman noted that these trees have caused the sidewalk to buckle to the point it is dangerous.

PERMISSION TO USE MFT FUNDS TO EXTEND EAST LAKE SHORE DRIVE ASPHALT FROM SPILLWAY BRIDGE PROJECT TO EXISTING ASPHALT

Superintendent Wiseman would like to extend the new asphalt on the East Lake Shore Drive Spillway Bridge Project to the existing asphalt. He would like to use MFT Funds he has available to replace approximately 122 feet of oil and chip area with asphalt.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to approve the use of available MFT Funds to extend the East Lake Shore Drive Asphalt from the Spillway Bridge Project to the existing asphalt. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVE TREE BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the Tree Board Minutes of July 22, 2014. Motion Carried 3-0.

511 E. Heights Avenue

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of Eric & Loretta Kahle to remove a Crabapple Tree on the boulevard at 511 E. Heights Avenue at their expense. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of Eric & Loretta Kahle to plant a Ginko Tree on the boulevard at 511 E. Heights Avenue. Motion carried 3-0.

700 W. Vine Street

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of Gerald McPhillips to have a dead tree removed at 700 W. Vine Street (Southwest corner of Vine & Shumway) at the City's expense (due to the size). Motion carried 3-0.

Tree Board Vacancies

With Chairman Rhonda Kraft's and Chad Lavin's resignations from the Tree Board, Mayor Brotherton will be looking for two members to fill the vacancies.

Recommended Trees for the Tree List

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, a SIU forester, and an arborist from Ameren are being consulted regarding updating the Recommended Tree List.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Wiseman reported his department has been oil & chipping Wards II & IV, oil & chipping West Park Avenue, and grinding Ward III.

Spillway Bridge Plaque

Superintendent Wiseman asked Committee Members if they would like to place a plaque on the Spillway Bridge. They felt a plaque would be nice.

Salt Supply

Superintendent Wiseman informed the Committee that there were no State Bids for Salt this year and the deadline for ordering is tomorrow (July 25, 2014) so he has had to get quotes and will confirm an order tomorrow. He has a quote for 700 tons of salt at \$107.00 per ton and he is required to take 80% and can take the other 20% if needed. He will place an order tomorrow for 575 tons at a cost of \$61,525.00. Mayor Brotherton asked the four aldermen present if they would approve of this purchase as it is not on the agenda, and tomorrow is the deadline for ordering salt. All agreed to the purchase.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

North School and Junior High School Routing Changes

Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau has requested the following changes for North School and the Junior High School out of concern for the safety of students. He would like the changes put in place before school starts. Classes start on August 14th.

North School

No left turn driving North on North Cherokee Street between Cleveland Street and Bidwell Street to gain access to the North School Property.

Junior High School

CLOSE OFF North Pawnee Street starting on the North Side of the West driveway entrance of the Christian County Mental Health Building proceeding to the far North entrance to the Junior High parking lot as you come off of Bidwell Street. This would be 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. during days that school is in session.

Committee Members discussed placing a Police Officer in the area for one week, and placing signs and barricades in the area. They will see how and if the procedure works and if any changes need to be made before it is sent to the Ordinance Committee.

Sinha Property on Abe's Way

Dr. Sinha is applying for an entrance permit for his property on Abe's Way. The entrance was approved in 2005. Since the permit is now expired, he will need to resubmit the paperwork to IDOT with a letter from the

City stating the City will accept the maintenance of the future roadway entrances to the Sinha property. The zoning will have to be changed from R-2 to C-2.

American Transportation Partners

American Transportation Partners is a nationwide developer that specializes in the privatized development and tax-exempt financing of transportation infrastructure for cities, counties and states. They have completed over 200 public and private projects. The Mayor will setup a 30 minute or less presentation on their financing program for a future Street & Sewer Committee Meeting.

Railroad/Closing of Adams Street Crossing

Mayor Brotherton stated there is a deadline for complying and receiving funds for the closing of the Adams Street Railroad Crossing. He will contact the railroad representative to see where this matter stands.

Jurisdiction-Portion of Old Mt. Auburn Road at Bidwell and Springfield Road (North Webster)

Brent Lively of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet, whose address is 900 N. Webster Street, made a request to the Mayor for the City to take over jurisdiction of the street in front of their business. If it is State owned property, the State usually pays for a Jurisdictional Transfer. Superintendent Wiseman stated neither he nor the State has ever maintained the property and he does not want it. He feels it can be considered a private road to those few properties on the road.

Semi's on Snodgrass Street

Superintendent Wiseman suggested that if anyone calls about semi's on Snodgrass Street to tell them to get the license plate and report it to the Police Department.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman