

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

August 27, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Olive
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Driskell
Alderman Skultety

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Superintendent Mann
Alderman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Treasurer Nation

Liz Hile
Margaret Bergner
Morgan Holthaus
Teresa Wright
Owen Lasswell
Traci Bentley

Chairman Olive called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

601 WHITE AVENUE SEWER

Liz Hile and Margaret Bergner were present to request their reimbursement for Sewer tap repair be reconsidered for the full reimbursement amount of \$1,750.00. Chairman Olive explained only half of the Sewer tap repair is eligible for reimbursement. The first bill submitted by the contractor showed \$1,000.00 for this repair and the City reimbursed \$500.00. According to the Ordinance, Mrs. Hile and Mrs. Bergner have been reimbursed correctly. Mrs. Hile explained she submitted a FOIA request and learned that several previous bills were submitted and reimbursed half the total amount of the entire bill not just the Sewer tap fee. Mrs. Hile advised she would just like to be treated fair.

Motion by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to pay Mrs. Hile an additional \$250.00 to make her total reimbursement \$750.00 for sewer repairs at 601 White Avenue. Motion failed for lack of a second.

REQUEST FOR “SLOW-CHILDREN AT PLAY” SIGN-800 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN CROSS

Chairman Olive advised of a request for a “Slow Children at Play” sign to be placed in the 800 block of West Main Cross.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to install a “Slow Children at Play” sign in the 800 block of West Main Cross. Motion carried 4-0.

KENTON ADDITION ENTRANCE

Morgan Holthaus and Teresa Wright informed the Committee they would like to spruce up the boulevard at the entrance to Kenton addition by planting flowers and would like to purchase a large rock with “KENTON ADDITION” engraved on the front. The flowers would be donated by the residents in the neighborhood. Mrs. Holthaus would like the City to remove two stumps, spray for weeds and purchase the rock. The total for the rock, including engraving is \$844.59. Alderman Skultety advised he would speak with Alderman Lanzotti and this could possibly be paid out of Ward money.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to allow flowers to be planted at the entrance to the Kenton Addition subdivision, and to have the City remove two stumps, spray for weeds and purchase the engraved rock, to be paid by Ward II, at a cost not to exceed \$844.59. Motion carried 4-0.

OAK/SNODGRASS-ASH/SNODGRASS 4-WAY STOP SIGNS

Chairman Olive received a request for a 4-way stop sign to be installed at Oak/Snodgrass and Ash/Snodgrass. There is a four way stop sign at Long and Oak; after this there are none all the way to Ahlstrom.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to recommend to the City Council to forward to the Ordinance Committee for the approval of a 4-way stop sign at Oak/Snodgrass and Ash/Snodgrass. Motion carried 4-0.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT-CHILIFEST

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the request and issue a Special Events Permit to the Chamber of Commerce Chilifest for Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. with permission to set up, close streets and place barricades on the Square beginning at noon on Friday and close the whole square at 6:00 P.M. Sunday for cleanup. Motion carried 4-0.

ALTORFER SERVICE CONTRACT

Superintendent Mann presented the Altorfer service contract for all the generators in the amount of \$5,693.00.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to recommend to the City Council to renew the service contract for all generators with Altorfer in the amount of \$5,693.00. Motion carried 4-0.

ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

Chairman Olive presented a proposal from Benton & Associates for providing Professional Engineering, Surveying and Technical Services for Alley improvements for the alley between North Washington and North Main and the alley between East Maincross and East Market in the amount of \$28,800.00. Both of these alleys are located behind a business with a drive thru that brings traffic to the alley.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to recommend to the City Council to approve hiring Benton & Associates to provide Engineering Services for alley improvements for the alley between North Washington and North Main and the alley between East Main Cross and East Market at a cost not to exceed \$28,800.00. Motion carried 4-0.

LADDER FOR DUMPSTER AT THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Alderman Dorchinecz advised the dumpsters at the City dump are tall and its hard for the elderly to lift bags over the top; having a ladder would make things easier. Alderman Driskell agreed that the dumpsters are tall and it is difficult to use, but having a ladder would be a liability. Mayor Barry suggested a designated area on the ground that trash could be placed and the City could pick up with end loader bucket and empty into the dumpsters. Superintendent Mann will come up with an idea and bring this back to next month's meeting.

SIDEWALKS-800 BLOCK OF RICH

Alderman Dorchinecz stated the sidewalks in the 800 block of West Rich were damaged when trees were uprooted from the tornado. Alderman Dorchinecz and Alderman Bryant would like to use Ward money to repair the sidewalks if the Tornado Relief Grant would be able to reimburse for half the cost.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to reimburse Ward III for half of the sidewalk repairs in the 800 block of West Rich out of the Tornado Relief Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON EASTWOOD DRIVE

Superintendent Mann advised Taylorville Police Department has requested speed limit signs on Eastwood Drive. There currently are none. After a short discussion, it was decided to table this until next month.

PRISON LIFT STATION-CONTROL PANEL

Superintendent Mann presented a proposal from Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$26,041.45 to replace the control panel on the Prison Lift Station. Superintendent Mann showed pictures of the current condition of the control panel and explained if this lift station were to go down the prison would back up.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Mann to have Vandevanter Engineering replace the control panel on the Prison Lift Station, at a cost, not to exceed \$26,041.45. Motion carried 4-0.

PERSHING LIFT STATION-UPGRADE

Superintendent Mann explained the control panel has already been purchased for Pershing Lift Station, however the lift station will need to be shut completely down to install the new panel. Superintendent Mann received a quote from Mobile Mini Tank & Pump Solutions in the amount of \$1,296.15 to provide a bypass pump and accessories to the location. This would allow the lift station to be shut down for the necessary repairs while the portable pump allows everything to continue working.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Mann to have Mobile Mini Tank & Pump Solutions provide a bypass pump at Pershing Lift Station while repairs are being made at a cost not to exceed, \$1,296.15. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mann advised that the department has been picking up limbs and getting ready to oil and chip.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Budd advised he's been having zoom meetings with Treasurer Nation and Enterprise Rent a Car regarding updating the City's fleet of vehicles.

Mayor Barry stated demolition of the house at 404 East Park Street has begun.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Jim Olive, Chairman
Street & Sewer Committee