

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE
February 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Walters
Alderman Vota
Alderman Olive

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Barry
Superintendent Wiseman
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Budd
Mike Lawrence
Brandon Lawrence
Erin Domonousky
Jody Clark

Chris Skultety
Megan Bryant
Billie Heberling
John Crist
Pat Kretzer
Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams
Carol Endsley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alderman Dorchinecz

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

TREE DEBRIS REMOVAL-WACO STREET

Mike Lawrence and his son Brandon Lawrence, who owns a house on Waco Street, were present at the January Street & Sewer Committee Meeting. He had called the City to advise he had a crew of men that did work on his sons' yard and asked that the logs remain on the property. They were removed. He had a buyer for the wood, the money was going to be used to pay his sons deductible, help pay for some of the repairs and to replace his belongings. He did not have any paperwork that meeting. He was advised to bring the paperwork with the name of buyer and amount he was to be paid. He has since provided the information, Mr. Lawrence was told the City's insurance agent advised it should be submitted to the homeowner's insurance carrier. Mr. Lawrence contacted his insurance company and they advised him the City is responsible as they removed the lumber from the premises. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council that the City and the Homeowner split the cost 50/50, the motion died for lack of a second. After discussion the Committee agreed this issue should be handled between the two insurance carriers.

REQUEST FOR A "YIELD SIGN" FOR MADISON TO YIELD TO VINE

Chairman Walters advised there is an Ordinance in place for a "Yield Sign" at this location and directed Street and Sewer Superintendent to have a sign placed at this location.

REQUEST "NO PARKING" SIGN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 400 BLOCK OF WEST POPLAR

Mr. Pat Kretzer was present to request a "NO PARKING" sign on the South side of the 400 block of West Poplar. Mr. Kretzer provided maps showing the area, stating it is a safety issue as the road is very narrow. With cars parked on both sides of the street, there is no way the fire truck could clear the vehicles. The Committee and Aldermen in attendance agreed that it is a safety issue.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for a “NO PARKING” sign for the South Side of the 400 Block of West Poplar. Motion carried 3-0.

STORM SEWER FOR CENTRAL AVENUE

Mr. John Crist was in attendance to discuss the storm sewer for Central Avenue. This issue has been discussed at previous meetings. He advised the water is still causing damage to the church as it is coming into the building. When there is a minimum amount of rain, the water backs up behind the door where they keep the mowers and equipment. When there is a heavy rain, the whole parking lot is flooded. Superintendent Wiseman advised the work needs to be done as the City has already ran a 30’ line when there were problems along White Line. It would not take a lot to run the line to the church. Mr. Crist stated he would do the trenching himself to cut the costs. Superintendent Wiseman had gotten quotes from Malby Excavating for the work which was approximately \$13,000.00, but that was a year ago. He will contact them to see what the cost would be now. He recommends that the City have Malby Excavating do all the work.

The Committee agreed the work should be done. There was a recommendation that the funds come from the 5th account that was created. Alderman Burtle agreed the work should be done but the 5th account was funds set aside from the other Ward funds for emergencies, this is not an emergency. It has been an ongoing problem and will only get worse when the spring rains. The Committee agreed the work needs to be done and recommend that the funds come from Ward funds. Alderman Dorchinecz is the Alderman for Ward III and was not present this evening, Alderman Jones which is the other Alderman for Ward III recently retired. Mayor Barry advised Mr. Crist he would discuss this with Alderman Dorchinecz after Superintendent Wiseman gets the new quotes, and if in agreement to proceed with the storm sewer, it would be placed on the March 18th 2019 City Council Agenda.

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST-WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES MARCH/RALLY

Erin Domonousky and Jody Clark, representing Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault was in attendance for a Special Event Request for Walk A Mile in Her Shoes March/Rally. The March/Rally will be April 20, 2019 from 9:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M starting at 215 W. Main Cross. They will proceed East to the Square and walk two laps around the square and end in front of the Court House. They asked that the roads be blocked as they will be walking in the street.

The guest speakers are going to be set up on the Courthouse yard; they were advised they would have to get approval from the County as the grounds is County property. Mayor Barry advised them to check on the date and time of the Little League Parade as it is usually held at this time and to check with Marcia Neal, Downtown Taylorville.org for the schedule for Farmers Market. Mayor Barry advised if there is no problem with scheduling, he would have this issue forwarded to the March 18th City Council Agenda.

SUMMER SEASONAL HELP REQUESTS

There was discussion regarding the finances of the City. The issue of Summer Seasonal Help was forwarded to the Personnel Committee.

SEEK BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: FUEL, SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER REPLACEMENT AND CONCRETE

There were some suggestions to change the contract for concrete work; it was recommended that the residents pay upfront before the job is started.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Wiseman to seek bids for Fuel, Sidewalk, Curbs & Gutter and Concrete. Motion carried 3-0.

PERMISSION TO SCRAP THE FOLLOWING: 98 CHEVY 1/2 TON PICK-UP, 98 CHEVY 3/4 TON 4X4 AND 93 CHEVY 1/2 TON PICK-UP

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to sell the 98 Chevy 1/2 ton pick-up, 98 Chevy 3/4 ton 4X4 and the 93 Chevy 1/2 ton pick-up with a \$300.00 minimum bid on each. Motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW BIDS FOR TRASH REMOVAL THROUGHOUT THE CITY

The Committee reviewed the bids received for trash removal throughout the City.

| Bids for 2 years: | <u>Year 1</u> | <u>Year 2</u> |
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| Location #1 - Water Treatment Plant (this includes the new Water Treatment Plant) | \$ 85.00 | \$89.00 monthly |
| Location #2 - Municipal Building | \$ 81.00 | \$84.00 monthly |
| Location #3 - Taylorville Airport | \$ 36.00 | \$37.00 monthly |
| Location #4 - Lake – 4 pickups | \$ 211.00 | \$ 219.00 weekly |
| Location #5 - Street- 4 pickups | \$270.00 | \$ 280.00 each 20 yd container |
| | \$280 .00 | \$ 290.00 each 30 yd container |
| Location #6 – Cemetery | \$30.00 | \$ 31.50 monthly |
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| | 10 yd container | \$189.00 \$196.00 |

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to accept the 2-year bid for Trash Removal from Waste Management. Motion carried 3-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Wiseman advised the Department has been working on tearing down houses, cutting a lot of trees and tornado clean up. They have also worked on the sewer line for Steak N Shake. He also advised there was a broken sewer tap on Haner Ave. The resident will pay half and the City will pay half which is \$1,500.00. He also advised a blower went out on a backhoe; the cost of repairs was approximately \$2,000.00.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry and Alderman Larry Budd will be guest speakers at the Rural Community Economic Development Conference being held in Springfield on March 7, 2019.

Mayor Barry advised there is a group of volunteers coming next week to canvas the area to see what work needs to be done. There are other groups returning as well when weather permits. The Correctional Center has offered help again also.

Billie Heberling, employee of the County working with the City on paperwork for a grant, presented updated figures of the County and City Employees and Elected Officials salaries and labor, to date the amount is \$370,063.48. Mayor Barry advised Governor J.B. Pritzker and Congressman Davis have both been in contact with him.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman
Street & Sewer Committee