

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

January 23, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Olive
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Skultety
Alderman Driskell

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Mike Mann
Alderman Budd
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Bryant

Jeff Bland
Dennis Bland
Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams
Lisa Abernathy

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

SEWER EXTENSION FROM NEW WAVE COMMUNICATIONS TO RP LUMBER

Chairman Olive discussed the proposal from Benton & Associates in regards to the sanitary sewer extension behind the businesses on the south side of Illinois Rt. 104. RP Lumber had made the initial request. The project will be paid with BDD Funds to help promote business growth. There was a recommendation to waive the tapping fee if the businesses tap on while the line is being laid. If the business does not tap on at that time, they will be charged the connection fee to do so later.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to accept the proposal from Benton & Associates with an estimated project cost of \$121,213.00 to include professional engineering, surveying and technical services regarding the sanitary sewer extension from New Wave Communications to RP Lumber on Illinois Rt. 104, to be paid with BDD funds, and to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign any related documents. Motion carried 4-0.

BLAND PROPERTY-SPORTSMAN DRIVE

Dennis and Jeff Bland were present to discuss a storm sewer drain that runs across their property located at 1424 Sportsman Drive. They are asking that City to move the storm sewer as they are planning to sell the property, and with the line running across their property, it would prevent new construction from having a basement.

This issue has been discussed at previous meetings. Mayor Barry advised City and County records have been researched on this property. There is no record of the City owning the storm sewer; there are no easements and it is not on the maps. The Bland family advised they also had title searches done and have researched the property and they did not find any easements or any information on who installed the storm sewer or ownership.

Jeff Bland stated the City has fixed property in the past due to this storm sewer on Lawrence. He was advised the line broke and had to be fixed; at that time the line was tv' d and the rest of the line was fine. Chairman Olive contacted City Attorney Romano who stated that the City must maintain the line and advised legally no one can interfere with the drainage flow. Jeff Bland asked what would happen if the line was hit with a backhoe. He was informed the City would maintain it if broke on its own, but if someone does something to damage it, the property owners are responsible.

Mr. Bland asked for an estimate for moving the line, Superintendent Mann advised the cost would be approximately \$15,000.00, not including expenses for attorney fees. Mr. Bland requested the City to pay half, but was told the City has no interest in moving the line. Mr. Bland wants something from City Attorney Romano stating the City has no interest in moving the line.

STOP SIGN-SHUMWAY & SECOND

Alderman Bryant had received a request to remove the Stop Sign on Shumway at Second Street. Only one lane of traffic traveling North has to stop, Southbound traffic does not stop. The sign was put there originally

because there was a school bus stop there. Chairman Olive checked with the Police Department and there have only been 2 minor accidents in the last ten years. The Committee was split on whether to take down or not. Mayor Barry is concerned, stating it has been there for as long as anyone can remember and is worried if sign is removed there will be accidents. The Mayor requested the Committee check this area before the next City Council.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to remove the Stop Sign located on Shumway at Second Street. Motion tied 2-2. Mayor Barry advised he would have this issue put on the February 3, 2019 City Council Agenda.

REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET FROM POPLAR TO VINE STREET

Josh Assad had requested a “NO PARKING SIGN” on the West side of Washington Street from Poplar to Vine Street at a previous meeting. He was not in attendance at this meeting but his concern was in regard to functions around the Square such as Chilifest. He cannot get his trucks out of his drive due to the cars being too close. Some members of the Committee checked on this area and do not think signs are needed. The Committee agreed if it is only for a couple of times a year Mr. Assad needs to request barricades from the Street Department for the time frame of the event.

SUPERINENDENT’S REPORT

Street and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mann reported the Department has been busy working on the following projects:

- Plowing and salting the streets
- Tore down a couple of houses
- Street repair
- Working on pot holes
- Cleaning streets
- Will be meeting with Benton & Associates to start a plan for street repairs.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Lisa Abernathy, Central Illinois Smiles, advised the dentists are planning to put a parking lot behind the dentist office located at the corner of 400 West Main Cross, where the old Ferrill Building was located at 109 S. Clay Street. There was an alley that ran through the property, but the building was sitting on it. She asked what had to be done to get this project started and was advised they would have to check to see if the alley has been legally abandoned. The Committee advised her to contact Pat Kretzer, Plan Commission, for direction and to check with Chad Coady, the Christian County Supervisor of Assessments.

Superintendent Mann was asked why there are flags on West Main Cross, Aldermen in attendance have been getting calls asking if the City has plans to widen the street. The street is not going to be widened but the old curb and gutters are being cut out and replaced.

Mayor Barry asked Alderman Dorchinecz when they started contracting out the sidewalks. They started contracting out when there was not enough manpower to get it done.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Jim Olive, Chairman
Street & Sewer Committee

