

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

January 24, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Walters
Alderman Vota
Alderman Olive

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Barry
Alderman Budd
Alderman Burtle
Street Superintendent Wiseman
Shirley Sams
Pat Kretzer
Marsha Neal

Billie Heberling
Chris Skultety
Kathy Driskell
Owen Lasswell
Mike Lawrence
Brandon Lawrence
David Schaab

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alderman Dorchinecz

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

SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST-RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to approve the Special Event Request for McDonalds for the Ronald McDonald Charity at the corner of Webster and Main Cross on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 8:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. Motion carried 3-0

DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE.ORG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the 2019 Calendar of Events for Downtown Taylorville.org which includes:

Farmers Market Saturday mornings late April thru October, Thursday meals May 16th, June 20th, September 19th and October 17th, Summertime on the Square June 8th, Meet the Machines September 7th, Dog Days September 14th, and the Twilight Christmas Parade December 7th. Motion carried 3-0.

TREE DEBRIS REMOVAL-WACO STREET

Mike Lawrence and his son Brandon Lawrence, who owns a house on Waco Street, were present to discuss an issue regarding logs being removed from Brandon's back yard after the tornado. Mike Lawrence stated he had called the City and advised them he had a crew of men that did work on his sons' yard and asked that the logs remain on the property. When he returned to the property the logs had been removed. He contacted the City to ask where the logs would have been taken, he was advised all the lumber was taken to a burn pile.

The Committee asked if the lumber was marked not to take; Mr. Lawrence advised it was not marked, but it was in his sons back yard on private property. He was told the debris in the back yard would not be picked up. A neighbor told him he witnessed the City pick it up.

Mr. Lawrence advised the Committee they had a buyer for the wood; it was walnut which is an expensive lumber. The money was going to be used to pay his sons deductible, help pay for some of the repairs and to replace his belongings.

The Committee advised they were sorry that this happened; it was a miscommunication. Some members of the Council in attendance stated the City Employees were doing their job, and wanted to thank them as well as all employees of the Townships, County and Volunteers for doing a great job.

Mr. Lawrence had nothing in writing from the company stating how much they were going to pay; he was advised to get in writing from the company what they had offered to pay and present it to the City Clerk who would forward to the City's insurance carrier to see if there would be any type of coverage.

SEEK BIDS FOR TRASH REMOVAL THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to allow Superintendent Wiseman to seek bids for trash removal throughout the City. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Pat Kretzer recently purchased a home in the 400 block of West Poplar he stated the houses in this area do not have driveways. The street is narrow and it will be hard to back out of if there is a car parked on the street behind the proposed driveway. One of his concerns is in case of an emergency the fire engine would not be able to make it down the street with cars parked on both sides of the street.

The Committee advised him they have had requests for "No Parking" before for similar situations that were denied as the neighbors have no where else to park. Mr. Kretzer was advised they would research the City Code for offside parking in his area. This will remain an agenda item on next months agenda.

STORM DRAIN ON THE NORTHEAST END

There was discussion regarding the storm drain on the Northeast End. The work that has been completed by Seventh Son Excavating was taken from Ward I funds. Alderman Budd and Alderman Olive voiced concerns with the amount that was taken out of their funds as they were in favor of covering some of the expense but thought the amount was going to be considerably less. Street and Sewer Superintendent Wiseman suggested using funds from the fifth special fund that was established to cover emergency expenses. The Committee agreed the cost of the storm drain should be divided with the other entities that are benefitting as well. Mayor Barry plans to discuss this with the other entities and possibly divide the cost five ways. This will be forwarded to next months agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Wiseman gave a brief overview of the work that has been done the last month concerning the tornado damages and the heavy snowfall.
- Demolished a house on Cleveland and filled in a basement of a house on Cheney.
- Southern Baptist is coming back to help cut down trees

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Billie Heberling, County Highway Department, is working with the City to keep track of the expenses associated with the tornado cleanup. She presented a work sheet outlining the dates, the time employees worked during regular work hours and overtime hours which includes benefit rates and the cost of elected/appointed officials rates. She also presented equipment costs and the cost of materials.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Olive to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman
Street & Sewer Committee