

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

June 28, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Walters
Alderman Vota
Alderman Olive
Alderman Dorchinecz

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Barry
Superintendent Wiseman
Alderman Budd
Alderman Lanzotti
Gary McNeely

Sheridan Pulley
Owen Lasswell
Cameron Scheller
Bud Altman

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

TAYLORVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH STORM SEWER

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the cost of the Taylorville Christian Church Storm Sewer. The cost is determined by the size of the pipe, the total cost is \$2,600.00.

Mr. Gary McNeely was in attendance and advised that his plumber, Mr. Blakley, recommended a different way to do the drainage than originally planned. Mr. Blakley contacted Superintendent Wiseman for a quote. Superintendent Wiseman initially quoted \$1,000.00 for this project.

Mayor Barry stated that Superintendent Wiseman did not have the Code Book in front of him when he quoted \$1,000.00. The final charge was actually \$1,600.00 more than quoted, for a total of \$2,600.00. Mayor Barry is recommending splitting the cost and charging the church \$1,300.00. There was a lengthy discussion between the six Alderman in attendance; some felt this would set a precedence for others in the future.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to have the Taylorville Christian Church pay the full amount of \$2,600.00. Motion 2-2.

Chairman Walters asked that due to a tie vote to direct the City Clerk to put the Taylorville Christian Church Storm Sewer on the July 2, 2018 City Council to be voted upon by the whole Council and to invite Mr. McNeely.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Mr. Sheridan Pulley was in attendance to discuss a large tree located on a parcel of property behind his business at 901 E. Main Cross. He is interested in purchasing the property for the sole purpose of cutting down the tree. He could possibly put up a small building in the future, but he has no plans to at this time.

If he cannot purchase the property, he is asking that the City remove the tree, as it is dying and could cause considerable damage to his property. He was advised there are State Statutes that determine how property is sold by a municipality. This will be researched and brought back to next month's Street & Sewer Committee Meeting.

BIKE TRAIL DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Bud Altman, Vice Chairman of the Lincoln Prairie Trail Conservancy, was present to discuss placing signs up for the bike trail, at their expense.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to allow the Lincoln Prairie Trail Conservancy to place two signs with their logo on East Main Cross and Paw Paw at their expense. Motion carried 4-0.

WALNUT STREET PROJECT

The Committee discussed the Walnut Street Project. Bids were taken on June 15, 2018 by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The lowest bid was received from Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc. for \$820,557.01. The City's "LPA" share is approximately \$185,000. There was a lengthy discussion regarding use of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. During this discussion, it was noted by Chairman Walters that Treasurer Nation start a spreadsheet that shows how much money is borrowed from the Utility Tax Street Maintenance Fund that will be paid back when MFT money is available to pay back that loan. The amount of money that was allocated for the resurfacing of West Main Cross is to be earmarked and not spent this year on any other project unless it is for prep work for the West Main Cross Resurfacing Project. If not used for that purpose, it is to be combined with next years MFT money to be allocated for said project. At this time the City's share will be paid using Utility Tax Overage Funds which will be repaid by the Motor Fuel Tax Funds when Treasurer Nation receives the approval from the State to transfer the funds.

Treasurer Nation received confirmation from the State to spend funds for the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the January 2018 through December 2018 time frame but not the January 2017-December 2017 time frame. The State now has the proper paperwork to release the MFT Funds for 2017.

Alderman Dorchinecz advised the use of Utility Tax Funds will be on the next Finance & Ordinance Committee Meetings.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the I.D.O.T. Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Walnut Street. Motion carried 4-0.

LINCOLN LAND WAY ROAD

The Lincoln Land Way Road was tabled until after budgets are complete.

STEAK N SHAKE SANITARY SEWER

Mayor Barry advised that City Attorney Romano had received an email regarding the Steak N Shake Sanitary Sewer and forwarded the email to the Aldermen. Superintendent Wiseman is requesting information regarding easements.

HSHS SANITARY SEWER

No action taken, no additional information has been provided at this time.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STATE DISTRICT 6

Superintendent Wiseman stated that the Street Department recently helped mow Mt. Auburn Road and helped to fill in holes. He advised that the State helps the City also, as they use the vector on the drains on Park Street. He is recommending the City enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with State District 6.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Olive to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Intergovernmental Agreement with State District 6. Motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Wiseman reported the Department has been busy working on the following projects:

- Department tore down one house and two garages
- Have been working on patching and culverts
- Department had to replace a sewer line in the Kenton Addition
- Have had six trees cut down
- The summer helpers have been busy with painting and cleaning up trash and brush
- Lowes Paving have been striping the streets

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry and Alderman Olive discussed a drainage problem located in the Esther, Wilkinson area. Mayor Barry advised there is a Drainage District and he will contact them to set up a meeting. Mayor Barry will be forming a Business District Committee and asked that the Alderman attend this open meeting. He would like to recommend that they meet at least once every three months.

Superintendent Wiseman stated there is an Ordinance on tall grass and is recommending that there be an Ordinance for trees and tall weeds growing inside fences around town. He advised the department had to clean a whole section of trees, etc. growing inside a fence line when the new sidewalks were poured on Cherokee Street and now the new sidewalks are being covered by this brush.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Earl Walters, Chairman
Street & Sewer Committee