

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING ROOM A
FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
MARCH 4, 2015

The Public Works Committee Meeting of Wednesday, March 4, 2015, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Fairview Heights Municipal Complex. Those in attendance were Public Works Committee Chairman Scott Greenwald, Aldermen Dennis Baricevic and Roger Lowry of the Committee, Aldermen Linda Arnold, Pat Baeske, and Denise Williams, staff members City Administrator Jim Snider, Public Works Director Chris Volkman, Keith Whaley, and Jill Huffman, and guests per the attached list.

ITEMS REPORTED:

- 1) APPROVE MINUTES: Alderman Lowry made a motion to approve the February 4 and February 17, 2015 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Alderman Baricevic. Motion carried, 3 – 0.
- 2) CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Refer to Item 3.
- 3) FOX CREEK DRAINAGE STUDY: Public Works Director stated that the final report was not finalized by the consultant as was expected. However, preliminary information forwarded from the consultant includes the installation of an additional parallel 42-inch pipe which seems to be the most logical solution as it is easy to construct in a sufficient area. Also, precipitation could be handled by the existing pipe during installation of the additional pipe. The detention basin upstream is handling approximately half of its capacity where some improvements could be made. Most important is the installation of an additional 42-inch pipe for the water to exit which should eliminate the flooding on Northwestern. Some of the solutions could be simply regrading the yard.

A comment was made that there is a 90-degree turn at Old Collinsville Road and would the installation of a 42-inch pipe relieve that turn? Public Works Director replied that by adding another 42-inch pipe, the water flow capacity is doubled. The current capacity is not that far off in the existing pipe. If the current pipe were a 60-inch pipe, it could probably handle the flow.

A comment was made that the City was to present information to the residents. Public Works Director stated he has received technical flow information from the consultant. The final report should be submitted to the City this month which will entail the consultant's recommendations and determine the direction to proceed. From the preliminary findings, costs seem reasonable. The consultant will assume the liability for the design.

A comment was made requesting that the final study be posted on the City's website.

Public Works Director stated that the consultant, to date, did not find many problems on the northern part of the drainage system although some debris needs to be removed. During rainfall,

backyards will fill with water as it was designed as a swale. Drainage easements, located on the sides and backs of residential lots, are required per city code.

The neighborhood is separated into two systems – north and south. The northern system is located near Villanova and the detention basin on DePaul and crosses Tulane into the woods. The southern system is the Northwestern sag.

A comment was made stating that the majority of the water coming into his yard comes from the farmland and asks that a retaining basin be built on the backside of the wood line so that the water would stay in the field instead of coming over the barrier through the neighbor's yard and into his yard. The resident believes the City's system is sufficient for the water coming off Tulane. Public Works Director agreed that this is an issue. Resident commented that the north side is where the problem begins and this where water should be slowed down and controlled. Public Works Director stated he will need to review the final report.

Comment was that Keleher retains ownership of the detention area.

Comment questioned how much cost the City will bear since some of this drainage is coming from outside the City, possibly the County? Public Works Director stated the County has not been involved, but he has been informed that Frank Scott Parkway will be widened to five lanes from Illinois Route 159 to Old Collinsville Road the summer of 2016. He has expressed to the County that the City is having drainage issues in this area and that they be cognizant of that in their design.

Comment questioned if an additional pipe is installed under the road, would the road be raised? Public Works Director stated that this will be reviewed during the design phase.

Comment questioned once the final report is received by the City, when will actual work begin? Chairman stated that once the report is received with estimated costs it will proceed from the Public Works Committee to the Finance Committee and then to City Council. From City Council it will be added to the list of projects. The Public Works Director said it will be about three or four months to design. Money has been appropriated in the 2015/2016 fiscal year for this project.

A comment was made stating the basin on DePaul overflows. This water is coming from the Swansea side. At one time there were restrictor plates on the pipe, but they have been removed because there was too much restriction. The City will review this matter in the final report.

Comment questioned if the report includes the area across Frank Scott Parkway because this is not incorporated into the County. Public Works Director stated that the County owns Frank Scott Parkway, but everything on both sides of the Parkway is either in the limits of the City of Fairview Heights or the Village of Swansea. Public Works Director stated that the entire neighborhood was included in the study.

Discussed that the final report presentation will be held in the Library basement at a separate meeting. The Public Works Director will email residents as to when this will occur.

A comment was made that a resident has stagnant water even though the City has tried to remedy. Resident stated that he has tried to sell house, but cannot because of this situation, and could potentially turn into a law suit against the City. Public Works Director stated that some areas need to be regraded and that this will be addressed in the final report.

- 4) REVIEW AND UPDATE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST: The Capital Improvement Projects List, dated 2010, was reviewed resulting in the following changes.

Major Projects: Remove from list - 1) Municipal Complex (Drainage, Driveway, Signage); 6) Longacre Drive Improvements; 9) I-64 Interchange Study and Implementation. Add to list – Resurfacing five lanes of Lincoln Highway from Illinois Route 159 to Old Collinsville Road.

Minor Projects: Remove from list – 1) Old Caseyville Road; 3) Mt. Vernon Drive (Richmond Drive); 4) Greenridge Heights Road; 5) Kassing Avenue.

Discussed that there should be 11 Minor Projects, two projects from each ward, and one project from the Mayor, per resolution in 1999.

Joint Projects: Remove from list – Recreation Center; Old Collinsville Road; Old Caseyville Road; I-64 Interchange Study and Implementation; I-64/Rte. 159 Interchange Enhancement. Add to list – Intersection of Lincoln Highway and Old Collinsville Road.

It was discussed that aldermen and aldermen elect should contact the Public Works Department with suggestions for additions to the list and that a Resolution for revisions to the list will not be forwarded to City Council until the six-month budget review.

Discussed that previous resolutions should be reviewed to verify the order of the current projects.

Per Resolution, the list is to be updated every two years with projects added when projects are removed.

- 5) CITY HALL FRONT ENTRANCE: The Chairman relayed that the lowest bid was \$200,139 and \$120,000 was budgeted. Public Works Director stated that the low bidder is reviewing his bid to reduce to \$150,000. By doing this, the south ramp would be eliminated, the handicap ramp being built on the north side of the front entrance. Public Works Director stated that if the south ramp were eliminated, the architect would design stairs for that side to keep the design symmetrical, which would only require one railing. The other significant cost was the aluminum railing the architect specified which is very expensive. The contractor is reviewing to substitute the aluminum railing with a steel railing.

The City can either work with the low bid contractor in order to keep the project moving or rebid the project. If the project is rebid, it would delay the project.

A comment was made that disabled residents have had to come to the back door long enough to enter City Hall and that the City should proceed with the original design with ramps on both sides and make it look like the City cares about people who are handicapped. Continued that residents would rather the project be done right.

The Public Works Director believes \$80,000 can be obtained from other projects which were constructed under budget to proceed with the original design.

Comment questioned if there is a possibility of obtaining a grant. Public Works Director stated trying to obtain a grant would delay the project.

Public Works Director is to review the budget, send an email to Council, and schedule a Public Works Committee meeting preceding the March 17 City Council meeting.

- 6) FRENCH VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENTS: The Fire Department is requesting funds for the installation of a fence around the fire station on Third Avenue. The fence is required by City Code. The cost of the fence is \$15,500. The General Fund would provide the money for the fence.

Discussed that the Fire Department is its own taxing district, however, they do not receive a significant amount of money. The Department provides protection to St. Stephens Church and State Park Place, including the three hotels in Caseyville from whom they collect \$50 through a TIF.

Alderman Lowry made a motion to provide up to 50% percent of the total cost of the fence, not to exceed \$7,750. Discussed that the carpenters union may erect the fence. Alderman Baricevic seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3 – 0.

- 7) ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM: Bids for the asphalt overlay of Commerce Lane and Bayberry Drive were opened and the low bidder was Gleeson Asphalt with a price of \$157,918.14. Engineering estimate was \$200,000.

Alderman Baricevic made a motion to forward a Resolution to City Council recommending that the Mayor enter into an agreement with Gleeson Asphalt, Inc. for the asphalt overlay of Commerce Lane and Bayberry Drive in the amount of \$157,918.14; seconded by Alderman Lowry. Motion carried, 3 – 0.

- 8) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: The application for the Community Block Grant is due to the County March 20, 2015. Several project ideas have been brought forward for submission: 1) Extend sidewalks to Holy Cross Road; 2) Curb and gutter on Holdener Place; 3) Fire hydrants in Fairmont Road area. Staff has discussed and believes that fire hydrants are most important. The proposed project needs to be located in a low to moderate income area.

Comment that the City would be buying this for a water company. Public Works Director stated this is in Illinois-American territory. Commented that Illinois-American should be reviewing this situation.

Brought forward improvements to Olinda Drive and Minter Street. Public Works Director to investigate to confirm that this area would meet grant requirements.

Discussion ensued.

Committee recommends that the Public Works Director determine if Olinda Drive and Minter Street widening meets the low to moderate income requirement to submit for the grant. If that project is not eligible, proceed with the fire hydrants in the Fairmont Road area. This information will be presented at the Public Works Committee Meeting preceding the City Council Meeting on March 17.

9) PROJECT UPDATES:

- A) IL 159 / I-64 Enhancement Project – Dependent on weather to finish project. The Request for Proposal for the maintenance of the interchange has not been completed.
- B) Richmond Drive – Dependent on weather.
- C) Greenridge Heights Road – Dependent on weather. The temporary street will be removed and area reseeded when project is complete. Public Works Director stated that the resident's retaining wall issue will be resolved.
- D) Perrin Road – Dependent on weather.

Discussed the cleaning or replacement of the flags in Meeting Room A. Some of the flags have significance. Staff to review.

Comment questioned the installation of the City Council picture. Replied it has been hung in Council Chambers.

Discussed pump station covers for the Weinel Hills Subdivision in seven to nine locations. Public Works Director contacted the Manager of the Caseyville Township Sewer District Caseyville regarding covering the pump stations with perhaps light houses. The Manager stated plantings were installed, however, they did not survive. Manager is requesting to give new plants time to grow to cover the stations. Also stated the Township needs access to the panels of the pump stations. The District has a contract with a landscaper to maintain the beds where the pump stations are located. Discussed that perhaps something could be built to cover the stations as residents would not be as upset looking at perhaps a light house or castle. Although there is vegetation on the ground, it will not cover the station. A suggestion was made to contact the art department at a university and perhaps they could offer design ideas to cover the station.

Chairman Greenwald adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



Scott Greenwald, Chairman
Public Works Committee

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