

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING ROOM A
FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
APRIL 8, 2015

The Public Works Committee Meeting of Wednesday, April 8, 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 Pat Baeske and Denise Williams, City Treasurer Michele Isaacson, staff members City Administrator Jim Snider, Finance Director Scott Borrer, Public Works Director Chris Volkman, and Jill Huffman, and guests.

ITEMS REPORTED:

- 1) APPROVE MINUTES: Alderman Lowry made a motion to approve the March 4 and March 16, 2015 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by Alderman Baricevic. Motion carried, 3 – 0.
- 2) CITIZENS' COMMENTS: As discussed at the candidates forum, Alderman-Elect Wagner mentioned at 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Pasadena there is a sink hole in the back and drainage problems and that the City has not discussed with residents. Public Works Director stated that he and the Street Supervisor were at Pasadena last week and met with two residents. Alderman-Elect Wagner stated that residents relayed they were not notified and that perhaps staff should notify the residents when they are there to improve relationships. It was stated that there are five houses affected. Staff discussed the situation with residents of 1 Pasadena and either 2 or 3 Pasadena. It was stated that 3 Pasadena has the sink hole with the wheelbarrow over it and this is the resident with whom they met. Requested if staff could put a note on the door stating that they were at a residence to review the situation. Public Works Director stated that staff does contact the resident who registered a complaint. He was aware of the complaint at 1 Pasadena, but was not aware of others. Staff has met previously with other residents on Pasadena.

The situation is down the middle of the residents' properties and it seems someone, other than the City, installed a pipe which is now breaching causing the sink holes which follow along the pipe at the joints. The best solution is to either remove the pipe or abandon the pipe by filling it with cementitious material and build an over-ground swale. It was requested that staff meet with residents, 1 through 5 Pasadena.

- 3) FRENCH VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT: At the March Public Works Committee Meeting, the Committee agreed to contribute \$7,500 for a fence being required by the City. It was also discussed that perhaps volunteers would erect the fence. The total cost of the fence is \$15,500 which is the amount being requested by the French Village Fire Department.

The Public Works Director requested that Mr. Lemp of the Fire Department be present at the Public Works Committee Meeting, however, he was not in attendance.

The City budgets funds each year for capital improvements to the French Village Fire Department. Last year the City forwarded \$7,000 to the Fire Department.

Committee is not prepared to increase the amount, therefore, it will remain at \$7,500. Staff will contact Mr. Lemp.

- 4) EXTENET ROW USE AGREEMENT: Kimberly Nash, Black & Veach, attended a previous Public Works Committee Meeting and gave a presentation about Extenet and that Black & Veach has been contracted by Extenet, who has been contracted by Verizon, and is desirous of increasing cell phone capacity in the City.

As requested, agreements from four other municipalities were furnished to City Council for review to verify that the City would receive the same offer. The agreements were from the Cities of Murphysboro, Harrisburg, Nashville and DuQuoin, where three to ten nodes were installed.

Extenet is proposing the installation of nine nodes for the City and includes 16,225 lineal feet of underground fiber and 8,561 lineal feet of aerial fiber. Compensation to the City is \$9,000 for nine nodes and \$12,393 for fiber for a total of \$21,393. This would be a one-time compensation and includes two strands of fiber for the City's use which would run along any of the Extenet nodes. The City would be responsible for fiber installation from the building to the Extenet node. Ms. Nash presented photos illustrating how the antenna and equipment would be attached to the Ameren power pole.

The installation of these nodes will increase the capacity within the City of Fairview Heights for Verizon cell phone users. Currently, Verizon is the only cell phone provider offering this to the City. Three additional cell phone providers could use the Extenet antenna, but would have to supply their own box to attach to the pole. These providers would have to work with Extenet and obtain the City's approval to utilize the system. A comment was made that if the City is going to profit from Verizon, why wouldn't the City contact the other cell phone providers to do the same. Discussion ensued stating that other providers have not contacted the City. Basically, the compensation being paid to the City is a fee to utilize the City's right-of-way.

Alderman Baricevic made a motion for staff to contact the City Attorney to reach an agreement with Extenet to forward to City Council, seconded by Alderman Lowry. Discussion: City Administrator suggested that some of the items be clarified. Motion carried, 3 – 0.

- 5) SALE OF CITY VEHICLES: Alderman Lowry made a motion for staff to proceed with the sale of three city vehicles: 2004 Ford Crown Victoria – 106,396 miles, 2007 Ford Crown Victoria - 111,431 miles, 2007 Ford Crown Victoria - 123,479 miles; seconded by Alderman Lowry. Discussion ensued regarding eBay versus bidding to dispose of vehicles. Motion carried, 3 – 0.
- 6) LINCOLN TRAIL SIDEWALKS: Alderman Lowry made a motion for staff to advertise for bids for the construction of sidewalk on Lincoln Trail from Illinois Route 159 to South Ruby Lane; seconded by Alderman Baricevic. Motion carried, 3 – 0.

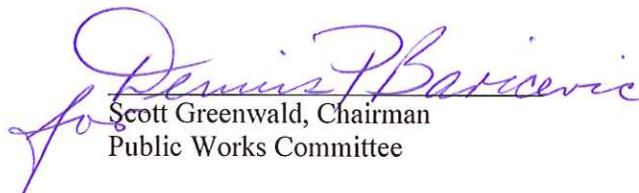
- 7) TRUCKING SERVICES: Alderman Lowry made a motion for staff to advertise for bids for trucking services; seconded by Alderman Baricevic. Motion carried, 3 – 0.
- 8) PROJECT UPDATES:
 - A) IL 159 / I-64 Enhancement Project – The contractor is preparing a plan for spring landscaping work including tree replacement, etc.
 - B) Richmond Drive – The contractor is working on channel improvements.
 - C) Greenridge Heights Road – The concrete work is complete, final grading and incidentals need to be completed.
 - D) Perrin Road – Ameren is moving gas lines.

Discussed the presentation of the final report of Fox Creek Drainage. Public Works Director stated that the consultant should be ready mid-April to present the report and will contact the consultant. A meeting will be scheduled at the Library to present the final report to Council and residents.

The contract has been awarded for City Hall front entrance improvements. The longest lead item is the handrail. Because it is important to minimize the closing time of the front entrance, the contractor will not begin the project until he receives a definite timeframe for the handrail. The removed granite will be retained by the City. The City Administrator reiterated stating the importance of minimizing the time for closing the front entrance. He also added that signage will be issued to assist people in accessing City Hall.

Discussed property on South Road. The resident has been advised that the City is waiting on dry weather to install the pipe. Discussion ensued. The City is not suffering any street damage and the fill along the street is not affected.

Chairman Greenwald adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.


Scott Greenwald, Chairman
Public Works Committee

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