

Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)

Committee Members Present: Glenn Linnertz, Bill Hanebutt, Clem Esker

Committee Members Absent: Clarence Nail, Kyle Donjon

Council Members Present: Mike Reed

Council Members Absent: David Friess, (Ward 3 Alderman Vacant)

Others Present: Mayor Tim Lowry, City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Administrative Assistant Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Member Linnertz called the meeting to order at 7:54 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

1. Plant Report
Eckart reported business as usual.

II. Safe Routes to School

Eckart reported that the project is getting ready to start soon.

III. North Water Tower

Eckart reported that on the north water tower, he has \$150,000 in the budget to do an overcoat, which would have to be redone in 4-5 years and is now estimated to cost \$180,000. The paint representative is recommending holding off for 2-3 years and doing a full containment, interior and exterior and the tower will be good for twenty years. Eckart said he had talked to Dustin Ziebold about moving some money around in the 5 year capital plan and there would be \$425,000 for the project in a couple of years. The consensus was to hold off on the project for a couple of years.

IV. FY'18 Permanent Street Program

Jeff Mueller and Eckart are working on this and should have something for the next committee meeting.

V. MFT

The bid opening is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2017. Eckart requested authority to continue to look for and purchase a used roller for up to \$15,000. The cost of the roller would be recouped by renting it to the MFT work @ approximately \$2,600/year.

Recommendation made by Committee Member Esker, seconded by Committee Member Linnertz, to approve the authorization to purchase a roller, not to exceed \$15,000. Carried

VI. The Office Bar and Grill Gas Bill

Lowry, Ray, Poetker and Eckart had met with the Stines regarding the gas bill for the past seven years. After installation, the gas meter had never been loaded onto the handheld readers, never been read and therefore, the gas had never been billed to The Office. The need to include Roger Hess, who is a part owner of The Office, in the conversations, was discussed, along with the repayment options for the gas bill and the upcoming balloon payment for their economic development loan from the city. A payment agreement has been proposed to the Stines and has not been returned to the city. The committee agreed that a meeting that included Roger Hess needed to be scheduled and an effort made to have something ready for the May city council meeting.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting March 20, 2017

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting. Carried

II. Concrete Program Request - Steve Fleming – 118 East Avenue

Discussion was held on the width and right of way of East Avenue and what the plan is for the entire street.

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the request from Steve Fleming to replace the curb and guttering at 118 East Avenue; with the homeowner paying for the material and the city providing the labor. Carried

III. Training Request – Tom Caverly, Mike Van Dorn, Cliff Crafton – IMEA Annual Conference and Trade Show

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz to approve the request to send Tom Caverly, Mike Van Dorn and Cliff Crafton to training entitled “IMEA Annual Conference & Trade Show” in Springfield, IL, on May 19, 2017, with no fee, transportation is required. No second; motion died.

IV. Training Request – Tom Caverly, Matt Shields – Electric Product Seminar

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the request to send Matt Shields (only) to training entitled “Fletcher-Reinhardt and Hubbell Product Rodeo” in Bridgeton, MO, on April 20, 2017, with no fee, transportation is required. Carried

V. Davey Tree Proposal

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the proposal from The Davey Tree Expert Company for spraying the trees along the highway with growth regulation, not to exceed \$2,280. Carried

VI. Gas Squeeze Tools

Recommendation made by Committee Member Esker, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the request to buy two gas squeeze tools, not to exceed \$15,000. Carried

VII. SIUE ERTC Internship Agreement – Interns in Water Department

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the SIUE ERTC Internship “Field Practice Agreement” and attach the proper signatures. Carried

VIII. Wm. Nobbe & Co. Lawnmower Proposal

Recommendation made by Committee Member Linnertz, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to accept the bid from William Nobbe and Company for a John Deere 2970R mower in the amount of \$10,979, which includes the ZT220D trade in. Carried

IX. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City

Eckart was questioned by Esker and Hanebutt of the necessity of renting a Cat backhoe to dig ditches on Powell Road and if the work could have been scheduled later on when the city’s equipment was available. Eckart felt that the job had been pushed off for three years and using the rental was more cost efficient in the long run. Hanebutt said he thought we were renting equipment way too often and that rental was for special situations only.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois