

Public Works Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)

Committee Members Present: Clarence Nail, Glenn Linnertz, Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Clem Esker

Council Members Present: David Friess, Mike Reed, Don Thompson

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 Chairman Nail called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

Business is as usual. Eckart will be budgeting \$17,400 for BHMG to do the required air permit testing in June/July.

II. Safe Routes to School Update and Right of Way Documents

Final project report has been completed. On schedule for a June bid letting, work should start in August. Some power poles and hydrants need to be moved.

III. Retention Tank Update

Attorney Ray reported that the general contractor, concrete company and Curry & Associates are blaming each other for the problem, no one is accepting responsibility. It is still going back and forth. It does not look good.

IV. Mediacom Pole Agreement

Attorney Ray has just gotten the agreement back from Mediacom legal department, with some suggested changes, which he needs to review with Eckart.

V. Budget FY'17

Eckart included a Capital Projects Plan, Annual Utility Report, Revenue & Expenditure Worksheets and 10 Year Plan for review. Committee Member Linnertz requested Eckart send out the current list of vehicles/numbers for the budget meeting.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2016 meeting. Carried

II. Water – West Line Main Extension: Contract for Engineering Services

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Esker to approve the contract with Rhutasel and Associates for no more than \$25,000 for services on the Water Main Extension (Busse Estates to Catherine Dr.) Carried

III. West Gas Line Easements – Full Utility or Gas Only

Eckart requested working with Attorney Ray in acquiring full utility easements all the way to Ames Road, in anticipation of future growth.

IV. 3 Year Accident Free – March 7, 2016

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Linnertz to approve a safety reward of up to \$150 in safety related clothing/equipment, plus the raincoat with Red Bud Utilities on it, for all full time utility employees. Nail, aye; Linnertz, aye; Donjon, aye; Hanebutt, nay; Esker, nay. Carried 3-2 vote.

V. Training Requests – Kenny Langrehr and Steve Muertz

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve sending Kenny Langrehr and Steve Muertz to the Spring 2016 Training Seminar in Mt. Vernon on March 15, 2016 at a fee of \$50 each. Carried

VI. Gas Ordinance and Appendix Updates

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Linnertz to approve Ordinance No. 1354 “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 Of The Revised Code Of Ordinances Pertaining To The Gas System.” Carried

VII. Concrete Program Request – 208 E. S. 2nd Street

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Linnertz to approve participation by Rob Carnahan of 208 E. S. 2nd St. in the concrete program. Carried

VIII. Sewer Plant Repairs

Eckart has gotten an estimate from Roscow-Bergman for a sewer valve replacement of \$6,450, repair air leaks at \$2,650 and blower at \$2,000. Current valve is in off position and cannot be used, making the lift station unusable. This is budgeted at \$10,000.

IX. Part-Time Help

Zach Stines is resigning his position for a full time position elsewhere.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Nail, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve advertising for a part-time employee for the utility plant. Carried

X. Water and Sewer Rates

The need for increasing the water and sewer rates was explained by Eckart. This will be kept on the budget for next month.

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

Committee Member Linnertz explained some estimated repairs at the pool: painting outside – Gregson Painting \$5,240; front awning - \$1,875; landscaping - \$550; deck chairs. Linnertz has also been in contact with Clint Crafton in repairing/replacing the brick wall by the snack shack. This is in 2016 budget and Linnertz will have more information for the council meeting.

Council members are invited to a gas safety meeting/meal at the fire house on March 3, 2016.

Marsha Volkman has submitted a sewer adjustment request of \$471.58, for a water leak at her garage. The water did not enter the sewer system. This will be on the council agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois