

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 17, 2020  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Clem Esker, Mike Rheinecker

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond (Remote), David Friess, Susan Harbaugh

Others Present: Mayor Tim Lowry, City Attorney Paul Ray, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Administrator Jeff Mueller (Remote), Police Chief John Brittingham, Admin. Assist. Pam Poetker, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:57 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

A. Plant Report

Eckart is waiting on urge testing reports from IMEA. Eckart said that with the storm on Monday, he wanted to commend the crew on their good job with restoring the power and brush cleanup.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

A. Electric - Underground & Structure Replacement Project

Another round of bills has been sent out. Big D did get called out to the east coast to help with the hurricane damage, but it will not interfere with this project being completed by 12/31/20. Some manholes have been set and the excavation across the parking lot will be ready to start when Big D gets back.

B. Gas – MRT Rate Case Update (Refunds)

Eckart reported that there had been multiple mistakes on the refunds from the MRT rate case and it could be in the city's interest to have it reviewed. Betsy from Blue Plan & Energy Law estimated a cost of \$8,000 to recalculate the refunds and this could be split between possibly six communities.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Rheinecker, to authorize approval to move forward with the rate case update calculation.  
Carried***

C. Water

There is no update on the plant clarifiers. There have been several water leaks recently. Committee Member Rheinecker questioned what it would cost to have water meters read every month.

- D. Sewer  
The DQ lift station work is ongoing.
- E. Streets  
Street oil and chipping was canceled again because of the storm last week. It is rescheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **III. Subdivision/Development Incentives**

Code Administrator Jeff Mueller had included in the packet some suggestions for subdivision development incentives for review and later discussion.

#### New Business

##### **I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting July 20, 2020**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020 meeting. Carried*

##### **II. Proposal from Korte & Luitjohan – Sewer Plant Repairs**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from Korte & Luitjohan for repairs (Clerk Note: to the SS edging on trough to support arm and extend wiper blade) at a cost of \$16,683.23. Carried*

##### **III. Proposal from R & N Tree Service – Cemetery Clean Up**

During the storm, a large tree fell in the east end cemetery and Eckart said he did not have equipment small enough to get in there to remove the trees.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Esker, to approve authorization to accept the proposal from R & N Tree Service in the amount of \$2,050, to take care of the tree problems in the east end cemetery. Carried*

##### **IV. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

Jerome Brand, Madison Street, addressed the committee regarding storm water draining issues by his house, causing water to back up in Brand's and his neighbor's basements. He was asking for suggestions/help to correct the problem.

Eckart said, with the cleanup efforts, he has a part-time employee who may go over the 999 hour threshold for IMRF benefits. He wanted to know if it was a problem if he uses him. Eckart will reach out to IMRF for answers.

Committee Member Esker asked about Trevor Stellhorn not having any water problems with this last storm. That was true.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois