

**Minutes
PW Committee
November 5, 2018
6:00 PM
1st committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson, Committee members Dale Black and Scott Crosby. Interim City Administrator Bryan Turner was also present. Bryan Thornton and Jim Alford from the PW Department were also present.

1. Call to order- Chairman Goodson
2. Public comment-

Debra DeSilva- 107 Montclair. I actually spoke to Brian Thornton on October 29th about our concerns. I am actually here on behalf of my neighbor, Henrietta Hazel. There are sinkholes in her front yard. She is 76 years old, so they are a safety issue. Her daughter, Kim Woods, has been in contact with Brian and I am just here to make sure that it is a team decision on what happens.

Chairman Goodson: When you turn onto Montclair, is it the fourth or fifth house on the left?

Debra DeSilva: If you don't count the house that faces Bethel, it is the third house.

Chairman Goodson: I know that was an open ditch forever. I don't know how the decision came about it close it.

Debra DeSilva: Per Ms. Hazel and her husband, who is now deceased, they purchased huge cement, uh...

Jim Alford: RCP. Reinforced concrete pipe was purchased. Mike Watkins was the guy at that time. According to the paperwork I have seen, the City either did the work or had it done. Mike Watkins pushed to have that work done. Ms. Hazel kept all of that paperwork.

Chairman Goodson said he wanted a copy of the paperwork. It was a she wanted her yard improved and now she has a whole front yard instead of two front yards.

Debra De Silva: You guys did that on our property. That is not the issue here. We bought the piping and you put it in. That is not the issue.

Mr. DeSilva: It affects our property because the water comes across Ms. Hazel's and out the side of our property.

Jim Alford: A creek ran through both yards at one time. We did not pull the box in Henrietta's yard. The water is coming down from the road and I didn't want to put a backhoe in that lady's yard and we didn't have a hold harmless. Did you want us to come to your property too? We can't just come over...

Debra DeSilva: Oh, you can come look.

Chairman Goodson: Generally don't we hold harmless that? If we do any more than walking?

Jim Alford: If we do more than walking. If we bring out any equipment. Before we pull a shovel full of dirt, we better have a hold harmless in our hands.

Chairman Goodson: Can we video it and see what is going on?

Jim Alford: We can give it a whirl. We tried it once. I don't know why the CCTV wouldn't go through. A lot of times you run into mud in a storm drain and it is not equipped for storm drains. What we will do tomorrow is get the largest size wheel and try to run from the road to the box in the yard. How many boxes are there?

Brian: 3 in Ms. Hazel's yard and one on the boundary.

Jim Alford: There are junction boxes all over that neighborhood.

Chairman Goodson: What do you think is causing the sinkholes?

Jim Alford: It could be that when the pipes were put in they sealed the joints and mated them in and over time the earth moves and the pipes pull apart a little. The water goes into the dirt and if it is not back filled, the pipe starts to collapse- starts to sink and the ground above it comes down.

Chairman Goodson: Or there is an underground spring that is eroding it. Is it a 36" pipe?

Brian Thornton: It is 36", then it goes to 24".

Chairman Goodson: You could go though a 36". I used to could scoot right through them but I don't know.

Jim Alford: Brian could go through a 12.

Debra DeSilva: I have three boys.

Jim Alford: There are things living in those pipes you don't want to know about. We will take a look and send you an email with what we find.

Bryan Turner said we will look at this issue and get back in touch.

Chairman Goodson said he hopes we can address these issues with Greenville County and putting some money in the budget for these kinds of projects.

3. Reading and approval of minutes- October 1, 2018
Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget Review- The PW budgets look good. There are no major projects coming soon. Bryan said he had talked with Brian on buying a trench box to

protect the guys when they are working. It would be a purchase price of about \$4000.00. It is not budgeted, but will come through one of the lines. It is business as usual in the public works department and the guys are working hard.

Bryan is thinking about having the department hang Christmas lights in the evenings because there will be less traffic and you can also see if the lights are working. There may be some overtime or shifting of some hours.

Bryan told committee that the guys and Laura are very eager to work and keep things going. They are doing a great job. Councilman Black said morale has gotten better.

Jim said sewer basin 12 is being smoke tested now. Inflow protectors are being installed. Chairman Goodson said he would like to change the lids to waterproof lids. Jim said you have to redo the frame to change the lids.

Bryan said he has some information on the Montclair issues from 1996. He will send that to committee.

- b. Department report
- 5. Unfinished business
- 6. New business
 - a. Brookbend sewer issue- The public works department went out to look at this and it is galvanized pipe that is deteriorating. There is a temporary fix but the entire pipe has been compromised. Some quotes for repairs have been forwarded to committee. Brian said Mr. Ireland and another neighbor have signed a hold harmless agreement. The pipe is 8 feet away from the house and there is a liability issue. IPR gave us a quote for \$47,800. Since then, they mailed a revised quote of \$29,000. Bryan said part of the reason for the change in price is that the City can use IPR's preferred pricing from HGAC. Brian Thornton said the catch basin could also be moved but it will be a big job either way.

Jim said there was work done back there a few years back. Cement was put in a sinkhole.

Bryan said this drainage culvert gives a lot of relief to Brookbend. There is a ton of water that goes into the culvert. If action is not taken at some point, we will have roadway issues. Chairman Goodson said some how it needs to be accessed through a right of way. He said we need to look at developing a right of way. This will consist of an 18 inch concrete pipe.

Chairman Goodson asked staff to obtain the easement and we will go from there.

- b. Cultural Center playground/ shelter project manager- We obtained some bids for a project manager. Joe Lanahan got two bids and one more after the information was sent to committee. Chairman Goodson said he would like to see Maven Construction's bid. Joe said the estimate worst case from Maven would be \$27,000. Langley is at \$7,500.00. Joe said he called to confirm the price. Langley is familiar with Cunningham Recreation and can handle the project for \$7,500.00. Councilman Black asked if this item could be sent to the Recreation committee. Recreation has all the paperwork. Councilman Black said he doesn't think Public Works needs to get in the middle of this.

Chairman Goodson said this is just the project manager. PW is not getting in the middle of anything. Bryan said council's concern is Joe has a department to run and someone needs to come in and get this all nailed down. There is playground equipment ready to go and on site. Everything is really done except for the power and we are at Duke Energy's mercy on that.

Councilman Black says he doesn't think we are ready to appoint a manager. Joe said Maven would be the most experienced as a manager because they have done projects like this for the County and other entities. Chairman Goodson said Joe is overwhelmed by this project and needs help. Joe said he knows his limits. He will get a formal bid from Maven to Bryan and hopefully this can be ready for council.

7. Public comment

Carol King said standing committee rules states that grounds belong to Public Works. We need someone on site to say we need to do a,b, and c.

8. Committee concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

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