

Minutes
Public Works Committee
April 1, 2019
1st committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson, Committee members Dale Black and Scott Crosby . Interim PW Director Kevin Bronson and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Goodson
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Public Works Committee Meeting: March 11, 2019- Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Budget Review- Kevin reported the department budget is doing well.
 - b. Department Report
 1. Playground and Shelter Project Update- A meeting was held with Mavin Construction. A tentative budget has been set. The first step is to obtain a grading permit. The plan was drawn by Arbor Engineering and so the grading permit would come quickly since it is being applied for by a municipality. Construction on shelter and bathroom should begin May 1st. After that, Cunningham Recreation can come in to begin the playground project the first week of June.

Councilman Black asked about the power. Joe said that would be done by June. They are going to bore to the left of the amphitheater, under the amphitheater to where JonScott wants us to. Councilman Black asked if there would be enough power for the amphitheater and was told there are two 200 amp panels.
 2. Side Loading Sanitation Truck Analysis- Staff did some research on side arm loaders. Greenville County shared some information with us on their loaders. There is \$300,000 currently in the budget. There are ranges on the equipment. There is one operator on the side arm loader, so you save on labor. Years of life are about the same as rear loaders, though we have some rear loaders that are 10-15 years old. The new trucks with emission controls don't last

as long. The older trucks last longer. Our oldest truck is about 15 years old.

Councilman Crosby asked if we got a side loader, would we sell an emission rear loader or one of the older ones. Kevin said staff has talked about a two for one, where if we get one side loader, we will get rid of two rear loaders. We will get rid of the least reliable trucks. The ones we think are more reliable could be older than the ones that are not as reliable. Kevin said new truck has been in the budget just about every year, but we haven't rolled the old stock, so we have accumulated a lot of spares. Staff keeps spares because they are worried the new ones won't crank.

Chairman Goodson said if we buy one side loader, one man will pick up the same amount as three rear loaders. The side loader will run for 8 hours instead of running three trucks until 1:00 p.m. This will stop our reliance on inmates. Councilman Crosby asked if we had a maintenance history on each truck. Councilman Crosby said he wants a solid understanding from Kevin on how many trucks we have, how many are emission trucks, what shape they are in and how much money we are spending on them. This will help us when we decide which trucks to get rid of. Chairman Goodson said he hopes staff can put this in a cycle to rotate them before they break down so they can be sold. Councilman Crosby asked about the difference in prices between the \$276,000 trucks and the \$303,000 that Greenville County ordered. Kevin said it is a different chassis. Chairman Goodson said buying just one assures that it will be running all the time and gives us time for training on the equipment.

Councilman Crosby said we need to keep accurate records on the new trucks. He wants to know it is worth the price. Councilman Black said there was a type of chassis that we had in the past that we could not work on because of the computer. It had to be sent to the dealer every time. He wants to make sure we are not looking at buying one of them.

Councilman Black then asked about a survey of the old trash cans. Kevin said can counts were done in two weeks. 62 or so did not have good lids. Kevin said it would cost about \$3000 to replace those cans. Kevin said there is some education that will have to be done for the residents.

Councilman Black said in his neighborhood, all of the cans were sitting in the street. One was about three feet from the curb. He would like the drivers to tell the inmates to put them out of the street.

Councilman Crosby said people on his street put out cardboard boxes or something refurbished. There are boxes of junk overflowing so the top is flipped over. People's trash needs are not going to change. The amount of trash will not change. You can't just say you are not going to pick it up. Brandon said in those situations the driver would go out and pick it up. Chairman Goodson said there is two seats in the truck. An inmate could go pick it up. Councilman Crosby said he doesn't know what the answers are. Kevin said some research can be done and the department can come up with a protocol on how to handle those situations. Chairman Goodson said when he drove around with one of the guys, every 7-8 cans, he had to get out and pick something up. 120 cans were done in an hour. Councilman Crosby said he put out six bags of leaves this weekend. They are gone now. In his yard, you will see 29 bags of leaves every fall. Everybody does that. You will have to have an answer on how that is taken care of. Kevin said he is not sure how that was handled, but can find out.

3. Update on committee concerns-At the last committee meeting, there were some questions asked. The department will provide a response to committee each month so that they know what is going on. Kevin said there is a trailer modification that was done for about \$1000 for hauling the scissor lift. That was a question from Councilman Black last month. Moving forward, the committee will have answers every month so that they know the department is being responsive to their concerns.

5. Unfinished Business-None

6. New Business

- a. Participation in Municipal Match Resurfacing Program
Equipment Auction- This is for Holly Ridge and is an agreement to get the roads paved. There is a list for roads scheduled to be paved. The City's approved FY2019 budget included \$150,000 for participating in the Greenville Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee's (GLDTC) Municipal Match Resurfacing Program (MMRP). Council was notified of the additional \$20,626.14 to go toward the MMRP for a total of \$170,626.14. By way of custom and practice, the additional funding has been covered through the Capital Projects Fund. Holly Ridge is in bad condition and the developer is going to pay for paving in the amount of \$200,000. Once the road is up to city standards, the road will be deeded to the City.

Kevin said the paving list will be looked at for the next fiscal year. We have some roads that need to be milled down up to four inches. Councilman Black said the manholes have been raised as well and need to be lowered back down. Kevin said our staff can do this. Councilman Black said manholes shouldn't come out of the sewer fund. Chairman Goodson said we need a plan that shows which roads are ground down and which need to be paved. Some are being resurfaced on top of bad roads. Kevin said that would be included in the analysis for FY 2020. Chairman Goodson asked Kevin to look at what might be able to have patches.

Chairman Goodson asked if this item includes the \$200,000 for Holly Ridge, and is \$200,000 enough? Brandon said the bid came back at \$180,000. The developer will pay that amount.

Councilman Black made a motion to send this to council for approval of \$170,626 and an additional \$200,000 for Holly Ridge to bring it up to city standards. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion.

Councilman Crosby asked if this was already in the budget. Brandon answered yes. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Equipment auction- Kevin said he was trying to give the committee a sense of the price of an auction. For us to do an auction, it would be more involved than something our staff could handle. We can either use an auction house, govdeals, or put some of our equipment in with another municipalities' auction. Govdeals is an online bidding website similar to EBay. There is a small inventory of trailers ready to be auctioned on Govdeals if that is approved by committee. Councilman Crosby would like a report to council on the items that will be placed on Govdeals.
- c. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of contractual matters involving Metro Connects as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)

Councilman Crosby made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

Chairman Goodson reconvened the public works committee meeting at 9:13 pm. Councilman Black reported no decisions were made and no action taken.

- d. Possible action on items discussed in executive session- None

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk