Minutes  
Public Works Committee  
Monday, October 7, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
5th committee meeting

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

1. Call to Order- Chairman Goodson

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
   a. Public Works Committee Meeting: September 9, 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- All divisions look good. The recycling and garbage cans that were ordered have come in. Councilman Black asked if we were piggybacking with anyone else. Kevin answered no. Brandon answered Simpsonville has a contractor that is servicing their trash cans. We are following up with Fountain Inn.

   b. Department Reports- Leaf pickup trucks are in order. There is a pickup schedule on the website. Councilman Goodson said he received a complaint and looked at the schedule to answer the resident.

      Cultural Center lighting update- Brandon said we are still working on this. Chairman Goodson said Burdette is ready when we are.

5. Unfinished Business- None

   Councilman Black asked about the power at the shelters. Brandon said we are getting quotes for each park and we will send the information to the committee.

6. New Business
   a. Inmate bus purchase- Kevin said two buses have been running for years. The maintenance guys came to him and the hull of one bus has detached from the chassis. It bounces up and down. The yellow bus has engine issues. Everything else is operational. We are no longer using the white bus, we are using the yellow one. When we sold some of our equipment, we netted $26,000. Staff would like to use some of those funds to purchase a new bus. Chairman Goodson asked what size it needs to be. Kevin said we need 12 inmates a day at least. Councilman Black said we may need more than 12 inmates. Kevin said we have gotten as many as 24 inmates before. Staff has found buses for $19,000- $50,000. We are looking at something that has a good engine and is safe. There is no bid yet because the buses go quick and we didn’t have money in hand. Staff is asking for the authorization not
to exceed $26,000 to buy something. Councilman Black asked if there was something we can rent if we need to before we buy a bus. Kevin answered Enterprise. We will get rid of both buses if we find one to purchase.

Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this to full Council with a recommendation of spending up to $26,000. Councilman Black seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

Councilman Crosby asked if we could get a metal plate to weld to the floor and attach the hull of the white bus. Kevin said he doesn’t know, but could ask.

b. Request for acceptance of road- On August 1, 2019, Jeffrey McDowell, contacted the City regarding improvements to an unnamed road for a property off of Brockman Dr. According to Mr. McDowell, his research of the property indicated that the City owns the road. He requested that the City began the process of improving the road as he is constructing a home on the property being served by the road. The City has not found evidence that we own the road. It is not up to the City’s road standards to be accepted. If special circumstances exist, Council could accept the road. Improving the road would require a significant financial obligation by the City. Chairman Goodson said this is a private driveway that used to have a house on it.

The Owner’s representative said Greenville County deeded it to the City of Mauldin, but it was not named as a road. Kevin said it looks like a driveway. There is a sewer easement there. Brandon said it doesn’t seem to have been accepted because it is not up to our standards. No encroachment permit has been issued. The representative said he talked to the County and they didn’t have any problem issuing encroachment permits.

Mr. McDowell asked if there was anything that could be done to improve the road. He said there is a potential to have other properties there and subdivide. Chairman Godson said there is nothing holding up encroachment permits and it would be expensive to bring the road up to City standards. Kevin said the City could do a quit-claim so the City has no claim over the driveway.

Brandon said we can hold this in committee and get a quit-claim deed together for committee and Council in November.

Mr. McDowell said there is a problem with the address. Kevin said Greenville County GIS gives out addresses. There was a question about trash pickup. Kevin said if the can is in the vicinity of Brockman Drive, that would be fine.

7. Public Comment

Joel Ann Chandler said Mr. McDowell could go to DOT on Saluda Dam Road to see if they can research who the driveway used to belong to.

Mr. McDowell asked who would be responsible for repairing the driveway after the utility encroachment. Councilman Black asked Kevin if they would have to get a driveway encroachment. Kevin said the City wouldn’t be involved at all.
Councilman Black asked how we are doing with power for our Christmas lights. Kevin said 44 new wreaths came in today. The poles have been identified for the lights. If there is no power on the pole, there will be no wreath. There is a map and 120 decorations will be hung. Brandon said we will do a dry run on the wreaths to make sure they all have power.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk