

Minutes
Public Works Committee
April 6, 2020
6:00 p.m.
3rd committee meeting

Members present were Acting Chairman Terry Merritt, Committee members Michael Reynolds and Councilwoman King. PW Director Matt Fleahman and Brandon Madden, City Administrator were also present.

1. Call to Order- Acting Chairman Merritt
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Public Works Committee Meeting: March 2, 2020
Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Department Reports
Public Works Director Matthew Fleahman
 - a. Stormwater Update

The City of Mauldin is a Co-Permittee in the Greenville County Stormwater permit. The City of Mauldin does not collect any fees associated with Stormwater management; however, they are routinely called upon to address issues with failing or improperly designed stormwater catchments.

Public Works has put together information regarding options for the City Council to consider. This information pertains to permitting, program management, funding sources, financial liabilities and staffing.

A work session is recommended for May 2020 to discuss these options. Acting Chairman Merritt asked if this would need to be an executive session. Brandon said some of the contractual matters would need to be discussed in executive session, but a public work session could also be held. The work session could be held prior to the regularly scheduled committee meetings in May.

Councilman Reynolds said he was good with having a work session in May. Councilwoman King said she wasn't sure Council could meet before the committee meeting but was fine with meeting in May.

No action was needed from committee.

Budget Review- The budgets look good.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

- a. Authorization to Move Remaining Funds in Sanitation from Capital to Purchase/Maintain Carts- The City recently purchased a side-arm trash truck. We have surplus funds from the purchase. The City budgeted \$300,000 for the purchase of the trash truck. The final purchase price was \$271,186.57, leaving a total of \$28,813.43 available in the Sanitation Department. The amount to be transferred from Budget line 432-970 to Budget line 432-264 is \$28,813.43.

Staff's recommendation is to use these funds to replace cans that are non-compatible with the new side arm truck at no cost to the residents. It was determined that a total of 738 cans within the weekly route of the new truck to be non-compatible.

Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation of approval. Councilwoman King seconded the motion. Councilman Reynolds asked how many cans were compatible how many cans were compatible that we have in current inventory and Matt answered 92. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Pavement Management Services- The City of Mauldin budgeted \$35,000 for pavement asset management in its FY2020 budget in the Streets Division of the Public Works Department. Greenville County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for pavement management services for FY2020 and selected IMS as its contractor. Via this agreement, the City will piggy-back off of the County's contract. The City of Greer is also using IMS, piggy backing off of the County's contract. Chairman Merritt said he and Brandon went to Greer to look at their system, and it was phenomenal. This would also include sidewalk information.

Councilman Reynolds said this information is so important and made the motion to send this to full Council with a recommendation of

approval. Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

Councilman Reynolds asked if Matt had any experience with this company. Matt answered no.

- c. Authorization to Move Remaining Funds in Sewer from Capital to Utilities- The City of Mauldin budgeted \$64,000 for the purchase of a back-up generator for the Deer Ridge wastewater pump station. The final purchase price was \$33,240.00, leaving a total of \$30,760 available in the Sewer Department.

When the pump station and associated sewer collection system was deeded to the City in 2017, an oversight occurred and left the utilities in the Developer's name. In an effort to rectify this error, the City will be required to put both bills in their name and pay all charges since the day the system was deeded to the City. Public Works is currently negotiating the total value of charges and anticipates that it will be far less than amount being transferred into the requested budget line.

The amount to be transferred from Budget line 430-970 to Budget line 430-200 is \$30,760.

Councilman Reynolds asked what the utility bill would be. Matt said it is originally around \$19,000, but we are negotiating. There is a Greenville Water bill and a Laurens Electric charge. Chairman Merritt asked if we know whose oversight it was. Brandon said we don't know. Chairman Merritt said instead of moving the whole \$30,760, we could authorize a different amount. Brandon said the total cost of the bills will be drawn down. The reason it is presented this way is it is an easier way to carry it out. If it is more than \$19,000, we will have enough money to cover the bills, but we will not take out more than is needed.

Councilwoman King made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation of a transfer of funds not to exceed \$30,760. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

- d. Springfield Park Playground Agreement with Cunningham Recreation- Brandon reported during the Recreation Committee, they considered this item. \$300,000 was approved for the purchase of new playground equipment and surfaces for Springfield Park. Fencing will also be installed around the two playgrounds. The City recommends approval of the following:

1. Agreement with Cunningham Recreation for the purchase and installation of playgrounds and surfaces for Springfield Park.
2. The purchase and installation of fencing for the playgrounds at a not to exceed cost of \$6,500.

The total cost of all of the aforementioned items is \$278,296 which is \$24,631 less than the Council approved budget of \$300,000 for this project.

Councilwoman King made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation of approval of Cunningham Recreation to install the playground and surfaces and fencing to be installed. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

Acting Chairman Merritt asked if there would be three separate fencing areas, Brandon said there would be fencing around the swing set, lower end playground and upper end playground. Councilman Reynolds asked if the turf was outlined in pink on the attached drawing. Brandon answered yes, the pink is the concrete curbing that will enclose the turf.

The vote was unanimous (3-0).

e. Brookbend Road- An 18-inch corrugated steel storm pipe extends from the corner of 136 Brookbend Road along the property line down to catch basin at the back of the property where it connects to a surface water feature. The pipe runs near the house foundation, under a fence, and under a shed. The house was completed in 1967; however, no information is available on the age of the pipe

This pipe has collapsed before, and the City replaced the collapsed pipe in November 2018 from the edge of pavement to the edge of the right-of-way. The pipe is very corroded and continues to collapse along the length of the pipe. The current sink hole on the property is off the right-of-way and continues to grow as the old steel pipe continues to collapse.

On February 14th, 2020, City Council was requested to address the issue on her property. Subsequently, members of Council requested that this matter be vetted by Council for direction. Public Works staff generated a quote and a hold harmless agreement per City Ordinance Section 36-33. The resident has refused to pay for the materials and expects the City to make the repairs on her private property.

Staff performed an assessment of the storm water system at 136 Brookbend Road. Per City Code of Ordinances Section 36-33 staff has developed a quote

in the amount of \$5,825.75 for the materials needed to address the concerns presented by the resident regarding 136 Brookbend Road. The improvements involve replacing the storm water piping from the existing sink hole down to the catch basin in the back yard. A utility easement would be needed from the resident.

Councilwoman King made a motion to hold this item in committee in light of the stormwater workshop to be held in May. Councilman Reynolds said the City needs to identify a funding source for stormwater, as these requests seem to keep coming in. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

f. Sewer Rehabilitation Program- The City of Mauldin and Frazier Engineering entered into an Agreement dated March 15, 2015 for Engineering-Construction Management Services related to the City's Sewer Rehabilitation Program. Amending the contract to allow for the Engineer to provide general engineering services related to the City's overall rehabilitation program and providing design and construction management services for the City's sewer rehabilitation construction projects.

The amendment will authorize the Engineer to implement the Project to prioritize the required manhole rehabilitation and perform the rehabilitation work. Staff is requesting that Council approve the amendment. The cost associated with this item will not exceed the budgeted amount of \$250,000.

Brandon added there is one portion in the agreement under compensation where he recommends a language adjustment to provide for a not to exceed amount. If there is any additional money needed, this would have to come back to Council for approval. A revised document will be provided if this is forwarded to Council.

Councilwoman King made a motion to send this item to Council to include the additional wording brought by Mr. Madden. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment

Mr. Ireland- 132 Brookbend Road. Storm drain. Water in yard washed out flower beds. If anyone walks through at night and falls in there, it would be bad. Started about a year ago. You may want to reconsider this.

8. Committee Concerns

Councilwoman King said she wanted to make sure to communicate that she appreciates what staff is doing through this time.

9. Adjourn- Acting Chairman Terry Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk