

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 6, 2022, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
3rd committee meeting

Committee Members: Jason Kraeling (Chair), and Michael Reynolds. Councilwoman King was out of town and not present.

Others present: Matt Fleahman, PW Director and Brandon Madden, City Administrator

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Public Works Committee Meeting: April 4, 2022

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairman Kraeling seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Public Works Director Matt Fleahman
Budget Review- The budget looks good and is in line.

The HVAC capital program continues with the parks having been done already.

The two sidearm trash trucks should be delivered by the end of the month.

There are new trash cans at Sunset and Springfield Parks. A concrete pad will be poured.

The Cultural Center is making progress. The project is about 50% complete.

The sewer line for the fire station will be installed tomorrow.

GIS has been migrated, so we have our own GIS system now.

Bridgeway Station sewer pipe will be relined for the pedestrian bridge.

The Pineforest pump station tie-in has begun.

The paving program has not gotten to us yet.

Sewer Basin 5 camera and cleaning has been done for the sewer lines.

Chairman Kraeling asked about the leaf truck. Mr. Fleahman said we don't know when it will come in. Greater Greenville is constructing their own transfer station and have said we can bring our stuff to them, but since Republic won't be used by Greater Greenville, there will be pad space we can use.

Councilman Reynolds asked about the department's vacancy rate. Mr. Fleahman answered the rate is about 6%.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Stormwater Task Order- The City identified a need to contract KCI to inspect, design, and oversee stormwater construction projects in areas of the City where the installed drainage system is under sized, failing, or absent. This need extends to both the City-owned ROW and private property. Council approved a contract with KCI in March 2022. KCI developed the Task Order 01 to identify the scope of services to be provided and to outline project schedules with associated costs. Task Order 01 does not include any construction costs, as the entirety of the task order is engineering services.

The City allocated 1,129,724 dollars in year one of the ARPA spending to fund necessary stormwater management projects that improve the City's stormwater infrastructure systems. The engineering services associated with this task order are proposed at \$226,600.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation not to exceed \$227,000. Chairman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

b. Acceptance of Loblolly Circle- Stanley Martin Homes is working to being construction of the Parkland Phase 2 residential develop off of Loblolly Circle Extension (Road Number F-PD-72). Loblolly Circle Extension is currently a private drive and Stanley Martin has requested that the road to become a public road after the proposed improvements are completed.

The road is located in unincorporated Greenville County. Greenville County has informed the City that they do not have any interest in owning the road because it is not accessible via any other county roads.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council. Chairman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

c. Mosquito Spraying Program- Public Works has actively participated in a city-wide mosquito fogging program for many years. The fogging program's aim is to eliminate adult mosquitos and larva as a means of vector control. Public Works utilizes a synthetic chemical called Permethrin as the insecticide. Permethrin is classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a likely human carcinogen. The spraying of the chemical is regulated, and workers must be licensed as a commercial pesticide applicator to use the product.

Public Works has logged a significant number of complaints about the program and has been asked to stop this activity. The fogging of Permethrin not only kills mosquitos, but many other insects including bees. Studies have shown that the chemical is also harmful to aquatic life.

Residents have also expressed concerns about the exposure of their pets. Studies have shown that fogging will kill only part of the mosquitos in the area for a few days. The department has no recommendation; only to advise committee of the complaints being registered and to obtain direction.

Chairman Kraeling asked that this item be kept in committee while alternatives are looked at. He is concerned about the side effects of Permethrin. Councilman Reynolds asked that a more specific cost breakdown be provided such as fuel costs, manpower, etc.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk