MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
4th committee meeting

Committee Members present: Jason Kraeling (Chair), Carol King, Michael Reynolds
Others present: Public Works Director Matt Fleahman and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. **Call to Order**- Chairman Kraeling

2. **Public Comment**- None

3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
   a. Public Works Committee Meeting: December 5, 2022

   Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding.

   Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. **Reports or Communications from City Officers**
   a. Public Works Director Matt Fleahman
   Budget Review
   All divisions are within or close to budget. Landfill fees and fuel prices are increasing. The ARPA funded sewer project started today in Glendale and Hickory Lane.

   GLDTC Participation Agreement- The City of Mauldin worked to attain access and annexation of the former Bonnie Brae Golf Course along Ashmore Bridge Road. During the annexation process, concerns from the public were presented regarding increased traffic, and the alignment of Standing Springs Road onto Ashmore Bridge.

   Mark III Properties the developer for the subdivision. Mark III Properties partnered with Greenville County and the SCDOT in a multi-jurisdictional project to improve the intersection of Ashmore Bridge Road and Standing Springs Road.

   City Council approved a funding allocation of $50,000 contingent on the funding by the C-Funds Committee during its July 2020 Council Meeting. City Staff were contacted on December 19, 2022, and informed that C-funds had been allocated to the redesign and signaling of the intersection. A participation agreement and invoice for the $50,000 were provided for GLTDC Project 579.

The cost associated with modification will not exceed $50,000.00. No action is needed on this item as the money has already been allocated.

5. **Unfinished Business**- There is no unfinished business.

6. **New Business**

a. Park Restroom Facilities Upgrade

The Public Works Department maintains bathroom structures at three City Parks. Due to continued vandalism and their use as a sleeping space for vagrants, the structures are required to be locked each evening and opened each morning when the park opens. Park operating hours do not coincide with the hours of operation for the Public Works Department so the City's Police force has been assisting in locking/unlocking the bathrooms. Due to the irregularity in calls for service, the Police have not been able to lock/unlock the bathrooms on a fixed schedule.

The City has an electronic lock system on the bathrooms at the City Center restroom which locks/unlocks the doors on a timer. Public Works staff reached out the City's on-call electrical contractor and inquired about installing this system on its other facilities. The electricians recommended Southeastern Dock & Door as a more appropriate party to conduct the install. Southeastern has been contracted before to repair garage doors at the PW facility.

The cost associated with modification will not exceed $19,283.00.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with a recommendation not to exceed $20,000 with Councilwoman King seconding.

Councilwoman King said this has continued to be a problem. The locks are an excellent solution to a problem, but this is a team effort. There are three departments involved- Public Works, Recreation, and the police department. She would encourage a collaborative effort. The bathrooms need to be monitored and spot checked.

Chairman Kraeling said now that we have trails that will need to be monitored, we need to think about cameras for those places and other places the City maintains as well.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. **Public Comment-**

Mayor Merritt: Terry Merritt, 214 Fairfield Drive. Referring to the park restroom facilities, I would ask that the following information be provided. Was this part of the 2023 CIP budget, and two, the cost exceeds $15,000, did we send it out to get three bids? Three, just an observation, when I used to visit those fields for lacrosse, soccer, baseball, etc., there was always a member of the Recreation staff there. They also cut the lights out. To me, it is logical that they can lock the restroom. Just a thought and something I would like to see before the next meeting.

There were comments submitted regarding Bent Brook Townhomes on Miller Road. The City does not provide trash service at the community as it is run by an HOA. A third party hauler picks up the trash. It is against City ordinance to provide bulk and brush pickup because we are not providing trash service; another contractor is maintaining the property and generating the brush. The gentleman who has reached out to the City is asking for a variance to the City ordinances. Mr. Fleahman has reached out to the HOA to find out if he is, in fact, speaking for them. Councilwoman King said she wants to go on the record to say our ordinances do not allow what is being asked. There was no previous discussion by committee because it was not warranted.

Councilwoman King thanked Mr. Fleahman for his department's hard work. The employees are friendly when they come into the neighborhood to pick up leaves and trash. Council appreciates the job they do.

8. **Committee Concerns**- None

9. **Adjournment**- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk