

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 5, 2023, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st committee meeting

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

1. Call to Order- Chairman Kraeling

2. Public Comment

Greg Parrish: We have had numerous floods in the last four years; we have had a three-hundred-year flood and every year we have been flooded. Last year there was a lot of rain that flooded my backyard. The catch basin that is in my backyard and the infrastructure between the four of us cannot handle that amount of water coming through my backyard. We are getting water from Crosspoint, the old Celanese facility, TD... the apartments, it comes through my backyard and Gilder Creek begins there. It has formed a sink hole inside the City or County's responsibility. I had public works out there today to look at a repair or at least patch. The simple amount of water, the infrastructure gets flooded. It has flooded John's house and the Purvis' house. They have a series of places that have been flooded. I have drainage easements and sewer easements both listed.

It has always been my take that if there is an easement on your property, the City or County, wherever you live in, maintains control and upkeep. That is why we are here to talk about this ,with all the economic development you are going to talk about later and Crosspoint. Property is being clear cutted and that has increased the amount of water. Case in point, I left my house and turned left onto Miller and saw new apartments right there up the hill from Mauldin High School. Asphalt- where is the water going to go? Into Gilder Creek. Where does Gilder Creek go? Right through downtown Mauldin though Simpsonville. We have just increased the velocity of water that will hamper any improvements in that area. My point is, as we look at economic development, and take a snapshot of this and go a little further. Again, John, Alan...comments?

Alan Jones: I live at 31 Oak Glen Drive. I got two things. First, I want to talk about, my plat has an easement. It starts at the road on his side and goes through my property to a creek in the back. I have a sink hole this big. You can look down the sink hole and see the pipe, under the pipe where it exits into the creek and to the side. It is eating the concrete, making a bigger sink hole. I was told today that it is my problem, that it is on my land. I need to do something to fill in the hole. Is it my responsibility or the City's responsibility if someone falls in the hole? Any ideas?

Chairman Kraeling: We are not permitted to comment at this time, but you can stick around.

Mr. Jones: Ok. The other problem I have is Air BnBs. I have one across the street and in my neighborhood we have six Air BnBs. We started this process five years ago, making rules and all of that.

There seems to be no procedures, but yet the zoning person that writes tickets. I called the police and they see that there are 17 cars there. They said there is nothing that they can do. I came down here two days later and those nice people in records say they have no report. These laws are not being

abided by. If they get three violations in a year, they are not allowed to have an Air BnB. I bet you I have had six. What is the process to get this? If it is a violation, the police officer makes a report and I come the next day, I have to track down the officer. I have placed phone calls and they go to voice mail. I think there should be a procedure to follow through with these violations.

Chairman Kraeling: Could you provide us with the addresses of those Air BnBs?

Greg Parrish: Alan is more involved because there is one across the street. John lives next door to one. 33 Oak Glen Drive, no 30 Oak Glen, it is a square box.

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Public Works Committee Meeting: May 1, 2023

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

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. PW Director Matthew Fleahman

i. Budget Review

The roof is being replaced on the Sports Center. It is 85% complete. All divisions are under budget except for Sanitation.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Stormwater Engineering Task Order 3

The stormwater program is not a funded one. It is taken care of by the Street Department. There is no revenue stream for projects. We have reached out to Greenville County who collects a stormwater fee and they let us know the City could collect a stormwater fee. Greenville County would collect it and distribute it to us. Staff met with KCI and asked that they create a task order (Task Order 3) to conduct a stormwater fee analysis and evaluation. The report will identify the potential rates and potential revenue. Additionally, the report would evaluate a 10-year capital improvement plan and provide recommendations.

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 20,000 dollars.

Chairman Kraeling said no one really takes on stormwater because it is a big expense. He is opposed to raising taxes, but there has to be a funding mechanism for stormwater.

City Administrator Duncan said the \$20,000 would come from ARPA funding if the Council is interested in this study.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve this for further discussion and to send to Council. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Reynolds asked what the study would be comprised of. Mr. Fleahman said residents pay \$25.00 a year for stormwater to the County. KCI would be coming up with a rate structure to charge our residents and also would be looking for what the County does with the stormwater fee it charges. After the rate structure is determined, a Capital Improvement Plan would be proposed regarding what could be funded.

Councilwoman King asked if this proposed fee would be in addition to what the County charges. Mr. Fleahman answered yes.

Councilwoman King thanked Public Works for its work with helping to remediate stormwater issues with the expertise of Mr. Fleahman and his employees.

b. Basin RG2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project

The City of Mauldin, Metro Connects, and REWA each own wastewater collection systems within the municipal boundaries of the City of Mauldin. Each entity is responsible for the operation and maintenance of their own respective mains and/or laterals. The City of Mauldin's collection system includes three pump stations, 3056 manholes, and approximately 109 miles of sewers, ranging in size from 6 inches to 18 inches in diameter.

Older portions of the sewer system contain vitrified clay pipes which over time have begun to fail and allow for infiltration into the system to occur. Rehabilitation of the sewer pipes is a necessary requirement; however, the expected cost for their replacement is excessive. Cast In Place Pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation eliminates the need for excavation and can reuse the old clay pipe as the carrier pipe for the new pipe lining. The CIPP lining removes the infiltration into the system and serves as the new structural piping system for the municipal waste stream.

The City identified a need for additional funding for sewer rehabilitation and submitted a grant application to the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority for funding. On April 27, 2023, the City was informed that a grant amount of \$3,399,750 was awarded to the City for the Basin RG2 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Attached is the grant award letter that must be approved by Council.

The City was awarded 3,399,750 dollars from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority. A municipal match of \$600,000 is required by the City. The rehabilitation funds from the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 fiscal budgets were used as the municipal match.

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk