

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

Committee Members: Chairman Jason Kraeling and Committee Member Michael Reynolds.
Councilwoman King joined during the department report.

Others present: PW Director Matthew 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- August 7, 2023

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. PW Director Matthew Fleahman

Mr. Fleahman reported \$46,250 has been made so far on the sale of vehicles and other older assets.

All of the City vehicle's GPS units have been updated.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Resolution- Transfer of Assets from ReWa to City of Mauldin

Authorization is requested to execute the Right-of-Way (ROW) Assignment of Facilities and the Quit-Claim Deed for the transfer of assets from Renewable Water Resources (REWA) to the City of Mauldin.

During the design phase of the Indigo Pointe Subdivision, REWA required that the developer upsize the associated pump station to accommodate the flow from approximately 100 homes in the Pine Forest Subdivision. This upsizing allowed REWA to decommission a pump station in the Pine Forest Subdivision once a gravity connection to the Indigo Pointe was made.

During the 2021 calendar year REWA worked with MetroConnects and the City of Mauldin to design a series of new gravity mains and manholes to redirect flow into the City's collection system network. Construction activities began in 2022 and finished by the end of the year. Approximately 290 linear feet of new sewer main and one manhole was installed to connect to the City's system.

All appropriate sewer system tests were conducted and passed under the supervision of City staff. The City's system started accepting flows at the end of 2022 and no issues have been noted to date. The final step in the process is to transfer ownership of these assets from REWA to the City of Mauldin. The new line bisects two individual parcels, so two separate documents are necessary for the ROW assignment.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

b. Discussion- Recycling Program Change

The City of Mauldin began its implementation of side arm trucks into the Sanitation Division in March 2020. Initially, the plan was only to replace trash trucks; however, the plan evolved, and recycling trucks were added to the replacement plan. During the 2021 fiscal year, City Council approved the purchase of two side arm trucks to replace the rear loading recycle trucks. Delivery dates for the trucks continued to be pushed back due to several issues; however, they are now part of the City's fleet.

Unlike trash, recycling services have been provided in more than one container. Both a roll out can and a small bin have been utilized for curbside services. Side-arm trucks cannot serve the small bin, so in anticipation of the transition, Public Works discontinued the sale of small bins in 2021.

In order to minimize confusion over the transition to side-arm recycling service, the Public Works Department intends to generate and distribute a door hanger to every Sanitation customer in the City which will include the cost of blue cans, the start date of the trucks, locations to place blue cans, materials accepted in blue cans, and notice that blue bins will no longer be served. In addition to the door hangers, the Public Works Department intends to initiate a 45-day public outreach campaign on both the City's Website and social media, sharing the same information presented on the door hangers. In both cases, it will be clearly identified that the City will not be providing blue cans for free and it will be the responsibility of the homeowner to purchase a can if recycling services are desired. Recycling bins are \$50.00 each, which is the City's cost. This is not a revenue-generating program.

Councilman Reynolds suggesting offering the cans at a discount. Mr. Duncan said there are new neighborhoods purchasing the new bins now, and it would not be fair to discount some of the cans but not all.

Councilwoman King thanked Mr. Fleahman for including information on what can be recycled for citizens' education.

Chairman Kraeling said it could be added to the door hanger wording that the City is picking up additional cans without a tax increase.

This item was for information only.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns-Chairman Kraeling thanked the department for promptly taking care of a damaged garbage can complaint.

Councilman Reynolds expressed his condolences for the loss of a Public Works employee over the weekend.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Kraeling adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk