

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Tuesday October 25, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works held on October 25, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 405 Jefferson Street, Washington, Missouri. The following were present/absent:

MEMBERS:

Chairman	John Vietmeier	Present
Vice Chairman	Brad Mitchell	Present
Secretary	Mike Radetic	Present
Member	Steve Richardson	Present
Ex-officio Member	Steve Strubberg	Present
Ex-officio Member	Vacant	

OTHERS:

Council Representative	Mike Coulter	Present
Council Representative	Duane Reed	Absent
Mayor	James Hagedorn	Present
City Administrator	Darren Lamb	Absent
Public Works Director	John Nilges	Present
Public Works Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem	Absent
Water/Wastewater Admin. Asst.	Sarah Skeen	Present
Assistant City Engineer	Andrea Lueken	Absent
Waste Water Foreman	Kerry Duke	Present
Water Foreman	Chad Alfermann	Absent

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Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held September 27, 2022 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

Priority Items

None

Wastewater

In the last meeting, Kevin indicated that Insituform, the slip lining project from last year, had a final pay. He inadvertently forgot the retainage as part of that. With any contract, we have ability to retain up to 5%, we hold it back for close out. The job has been closed out and this is just the final pay of that contract. It is not an addition. We are asking for your approval to move forward to council to get that paid. A motion to pay Insituform \$23,141.44 was made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Richardson. The motion passed without dissent.

While we are talking about slip lining, Kerry started doing some cameraing and general maintenance and looking at what this year's budget year looks like for that project. I believe we have \$430,000.00 budgeted out of three different funding accounts to do slip lining. We have about \$170,000 that we have already identified and we are looking to get the remainder done. Typically, we latch on to a cooperative purchasing contract with the City of Independence. They go out to bid, since they have a similar system as ours they allow us to latch onto their contract; for unit pricing and those type of things. It is a short cut way to try to get that done faster. Insituform did not renew that with Independence due to pricing increases. As you have probably heard, the resin fiberglass world is extremely volatile, and no one is doing cooperative purchasing. I do have specifications that I have drafted up and we have to send this out to bid this year, I would not be surprised if pricing increases were approaching 50-70% higher of what they have been in the past. The dollars we have are not going to go as far as they have in previous years. It is important that we continue with the program, we do have a goal set for the next 6-7 years to have the vast majority of our sewer lines slip lined. Capital Improvement Sales Tax, Sanitary Sewer Fund, and the Stormwater Fund, is a new funding source that we are able to use. We got a lot done in the past couple years but it is not going to go as far.

Is there a way to prioritize and minimize for six months to see if some of these prices comes down? We could look into holding off towards the end of the budget year rather trying to do it in the winter and roll into summer. There is a 7% increase in concrete and a 15% in asphalt going into next spring. The \$680 billion infrastructure plan that Congress set forth last fall, those dollars have not hit the market yet. Those funds are still in grant world. The risk is that prices are just going to go up because there is not enough suppliers and people to do the work and the money is just flowing like crazy. The risk is on the side of getting it done as fast as we can because I don't think that it is going to come down. With that, we have grants with DNR, and we should know something in the next couple of months. Sewer line extension, water tower, and the work on Front Street.

There is a 10-year projection based on revenue coming in and 10 year expenditures that we have to put together every year. I did a conservative CPI escalator of 3% on the revenue side, and we start to see this turn around quickly. Maybe all we have to do is put in verbiage in the ordinance that a CPI escalator goes in, rather than having to do a rate increase plus a CPI escalator. It is not as dire as the water fund, but with that, it is volatile with the market. Pipes have doubled.

How much more do we have to slip line? Is this an ongoing project? Capital Improvement Sales Tax, a substantial amount was allocated, but it got pushed to the back. It is back loaded instead of front loaded. A couple of years ago, I worked with Mark Piontek, to see if we could utilize Stormwater Fund money, there is \$3.5 million in there. I asked, "If a sewer problem is caused by storm water, can I use the storm water fund", and the answer was yes. As far as what we have to get done we have on our GIS. We are trying to get that so we can give you that information. A lot of the 12", 10", and 8" sewer has already been done in previous years. It is the 6" stuff in the downtown area that they could not do at the time, because they did not have the little robots to cut the sewer laterals out. We might have 50% of the town done, 5th Street to the North, and everything to the South is PVC. The Wastewater department has been doing it with limited resources for quite some time; it is the Stormwater fund that really kicked it into high gear.

The new sanitary sewer lateral program that went into effect in January. We projected 20 people to take advantage of that. We have had about 9 or 10 and I only have had one person turn it down. Out of the 10, those 10 would not have replaced the sewer line underneath the street. They would have just gone to the back of the curb because they could not afford it. That reimbursement that we are giving to the property owners of \$4,000 is going a long way. A spot repair might cost \$1,000 or they could replace the whole sewer line for \$10,000; get the \$4,000 back, and still be in the hole for \$6k.

Water

Design bill for Cochran for the Storage Tank. We had a meeting a month ago to move into 90% plans. It is a straight forward project, but pricing is so volatile, I have no clue what the number is going to come in at. We do have the MDNR grant to offset some of the costs. The funding sources are the Water Fund and Capital Improvement Sales Tax. If we are unsuccessful with MDNR, we also applied to Franklin County with their ARPA funds to offset some of these inflationary costs. Our ARPA funds pay into this as well. We will go out for bids December or January and get going in the Spring. A motion to pay Cochran \$3,748.00 was made by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The motion passed without dissent.

Other

Stone Crest in Fairfield now have two sources of water coming to it; something that has been in the works for 25 years, so that is a huge deal. I know that there are concerns about South Point Road being closed and the Special Road District is working towards getting that paved out but our water line over there is a big deal for the residents out in that area.

Old Business

None

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting date is Tuesday November 22, 2022.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Richardson. All in favor aye, those oppose, none. We are adjourned.

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Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: Nov 22, 2022 Signature: M. P. H. O. S.
Secretary