

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Tuesday February 27, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works held on February 27, 2024 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	Absent
Member	Steve Richardson	Absent
Ex-officio Member	Steve Strubberg	Present
Ex-officio Member	Vacant	

OTHERS:

Council Representative	Mike Coulter	Present
Council Representative	Chad Briggs	Absent
Mayor	James Hagedorn	Present
City Administrator	Darren Lamb	Absent
Public Works Superintendent	Kevin Quaethem	Present
Water/Wastewater Admin. Asst.	Theresa Lamke	Present
Interim City Engineer	Charles Stankovic	Absent
Assistant City Engineer	Andrea Lueken	Absent
Waste Water Foreman	Kerry Duke	Present
Water Foreman	Dylan Voss	Present
GIS Engineering		

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Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Coulter seconded by Mr. Mitchell to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held January 23, 2024 meeting. The motion passed without dissent.

Priority Items

None

I guess this won't be an official voting meeting because we don't have a quorum of the board. Yes. What we'll do is we'll go through the pay process and everything, and then we will send out an email to the two members that are not here and get their approval, official approval over email. We'll just go through the motions and then finalize it up afterwards with emails.

Wastewater

Well, as far as operations, everything's going okay. As we all know about the increase, we've been We did it, and now we got some things going on. But as far as the operations of wastewater, going pretty good. We got our I-trackers in down on the riverfront, those units that we bought to watch for inflow. We got them down. We had to raise manholes to get it done, but we got all of our manholes raised on the riverfront on the east side. How deep was the one of them? Three foot, probably. We had to do a lot of work on that. The guys did a good job on that. We got some cleanup to do down there yet, but other than that, that's working good. We did find a manhole that did not have a lid on it. I've been here 24 years, and we never really knew where they were all at. We took the time this year and we went and found them all. We found one that was buried under ivy that wasn't even seen. You couldn't even see it. And we found it, and that's when it didn't have a manhole on it, a lid on it.

It was actually the second one from the lift station. And it's right in between the second manhole down from where the storm drain, the first storm drain comes underneath the railroad tracks. We can figure we're probably taking on quite a bit of rainwater, stormwater through there. That should help out. We'll see on the next rain event if that's the case, because we'll notice it on lift station, which is good. And the I-trackers will tell us, too. They are in and they're working. We pulled a report on them yesterday. I haven't really reviewed a whole lot yet, but it shows that they're actually working because for some reason we noticed, and I haven't got which manhole yet, but we did take some inflow of something even in the dry weather.

Water

We've got an invoice from KJ Unerstall for some things at the water tank, the guard rail and a water thing; and a concrete ring around the base of the tank and part of the storm drain discharge pipe and all that stuff had to be done.

All right. Well, motion to approve. Motion to approve, and a second, and the two Aye. Aye. We'll pass it on to Steve Richardson and Mike Radetic and get their approval before you can send it to the council. Okay, we'll let that go. (Emails were received back from Steve Richardson and Mike Radetic for approval for the KJ Unerstall invoice)

Now we're at the water tank.

I got an email from the tank painting company last week that they were going to come in this week and start painting. They can't do anything when it's cold like this they have to sandblast first. They want to get the tank done, so they're looking at trying. They're wanting to get it done. We may have a tank done by April or March, actually. It usually takes about four days to sandblast the tank, and then it'll take another two days to prime it, and then another, and let that It's it a couple of days, and then two days to paint it.

They must paint inside and outside. We're probably looking at about pretty close to a month's worth of time painting. We'll get that done and in service. It'll be in service by June.

Second Street, you're all the way down to the end. Second Street, as far as water is concerned, is 100% done. We are done with Second Street. Everybody is on the PVC line. All the fire hydrants were changed out to what we call a 6-inch shoe instead of a 4-inch shoe.

How many water breaks did we have this year or last year, recently? Last year, we ended up with eight.

Mike's guy gave us an update. Because of the pavers that we're going to put in, they will form a square around each intersection. It's going to be a week to put the pavers in, another week to let them cure because they are getting a concrete basin that the bricks are going to set in. What that means is that entire intersection is going to be unusable for a period of two weeks. So they're going to start with intersection of Lafayette and Second Street first. That way, traffic can divert around it. It's still going to be an inconvenience, especially when we get over towards Borgia Church and grade school. But this was done by design so that my Mike and his guys from KJU and the city can learn with a relatively lower amount of disruption. They anticipate being able to have everything paved and done by Barbecue BQ n Blues Fest. April 28th.

Kevin, I have a question on that. Mike did mention the elevations, and he threw in as long as the manholes are at the right level. If there's work to do on raising or lowering the manhole, is that you or is that on him? Well, that's going to have to fall on them because we was never informed of any manhole issues that were going to be there. If they need to be raised, they'll pave over them. We'll cut them out with our Mr. Manhole machine. If they need to be lowered, that's a whole different ball game because then you got to go in and see. If those are brick manholes, then you got to get in and take one row of bricks out. It becomes a whole different ball game. I don't know of any. Nobody's contacted me yet of any issues with manholes.

Sometimes in these projects, you do have to wait for somebody else to get done. We had to wait until they got done with second and cedar before we can go put our last line in. That's just the way the process goes, especially when we're running together in a project. Ideally, you would come in with, they were water line replacement first, get that all done. Then you would come in with your concrete work, and then you would come in with your asphalt work, and it would be a process like that. That's generally how it works. But when you're doing rebuild stuff like what we were doing happening on Second Street, and the way it was all It's grown together differently because I don't think the KJU was supposed to start when they did, but they came in and requested starting sooner. It threw us in the same time as them working on a water line and everything. But because we went through all of these problems and all these issues on Second Street, I feel we're going to have a lot better path when we go to Main Street to walk down because we know what not to do.

We know we're going to replace the waterline on Main Street because we've had numerous water main breaks on that. We have a continuous situation at one spot that we don't think it's a waterline, but we're going to know when we replace the line. We're going to try and get in there ahead of all of that. It's all really a scheduling thing and making sure everybody's on the same plan. But Second Street was just a good It was planned, but it was changed and thrown around a little bit. The next thing you know, it's boom, everybody's there at the same time. It's like, okay. But that's Main Street. I know within the city, as far as talking within the city like with Charles, we realized that there is things that we learned on Second

Street that we will not and do not want to have happen on Main Street, because Main Street is a different, complete different project as far as businesses and locations and everything that we're going to have to really work really tight. Like us with the water department, our plan is we're going to go block by block, try to do the same thing we did on Second Street.

It worked out pretty good. We get one block done, and then we move to the next block. Instead of just trying to go all the way through and put the water line in and then come back and make all the connections, we're trying to get it set up because we're replacing fire hydrants as we go through to be able to do that block, get everybody tied into that line on that block, and then move to the next block and do the same thing. We're really just hopefully inconveniencing one block at a time if it works that way. That's the plan. Plans are always known to fall apart, but especially downtown, it is a lot of old stuff down there. But anyway, that's the plan. So, yes. I know I'm talking a lot, but I just want everybody to know that we realized that Second Street, it's a good project, but it was juggled together where we know on Main Street we cannot do that. Right. The one thing, and Mr. Mayor, you probably heard a comment on this from the group that was there yesterday, and it was some business owners and residents, but the explanation was very good. Comment-wise, I heard more positive liking the way it's going to end up looking. We know it's going to be a while to get it done, but they were appreciative of what the project was going to bring. I think that's a good note.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024 .

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Steve Strubberg and seconded Brad Mitchell. The motion passed.

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Adopted and Approved by the Board of Public Works:

Date: _____ Signature: _____
Secretary