

Public Works Meeting Minutes
APRIL 24, 2007

The Public Works Committee met on April 24, 2007 at 5:00PM at City Hall.

Present: Todd Lohenry, Lynn Lawrenz, Ken Taylor, Wayne Schmidt, & Harold Nell

Also present: Pat Zastrow, Gary Paape, Dennis Schneider, Lee Lawrenz, Al Groll, Ken Iwen, & Tom Romdenne

Moved by Nell second by Taylor to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Taylor second by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion carried.

Al Groll presented the drawing for sewer, water, storm, curb, and street work for the 6th Court project. The plans for the water were approved by the Utility Commission. The sewer plan needs approval by Public Works before the plans can be submitted for State approval. This project will exceed the \$25,000 cost therefore the project will have to be bid. In addition special assessments will be levied therefore a public hearing will have to be held regarding any estimated assessments. Moved by Nell second by Taylor to approve the sanitary sewer plan for 6th Court. Motion carried. (Lawrenz abstained)

Moved by Lawrenz second by Taylor to approve bills for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Roll call vote: 5 yes 0 no

Moved by Schmidt second by Taylor to approve bills for the Street Dept. Roll call vote: 5 yes 0 no.

Moved by Taylor second by Nell to approve the final bill for Mueller St. pending receipt of all final paperwork from Robert E. Lee and Associates. Roll call: 5 yes 0 no

WWTF Report:

- The average daily flow was 566,000 gallons.
- Organic loading was at 76% of capacity.
- The work on the primary clarifier will be done in mid May.
- Bio spreading will be done in May.
- Numerous maintenance projects are either on-going or are being considered. Cost estimates for major items will be provided to the Committee for discussion at the May meeting.

Moved by Schmidt second by Taylor to accept the WWTF report. Motion carried.

Moved by Lawrenz second by Taylor to approve a sewer credit. Motion carried.

Street Dept. Report:

- The new truck is complete and in service. The old one ton will be sent to the auction with a minimum bid of \$8,000 required.
- All trees for 2007 planting are here.
- The Street Dept. will be hauling dredged materials.
- A bid packet will be available for seal coating.
- Two summer works workers will be hired.

Moved by Taylor second by Schmidt to approve the Street Dept report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The topic of fish waste was again before the Committee. Chairman Loheny suggested that the City make a one-time offer to the locations that have fish grinders to become "Dramm Compliant." The City would extend a no interest loan to each business to become Dramm Compliant. If the business continues to use the grinder the sewer surcharge would be applied to those using grinders.

The question was asked if the City could in fact make no-interest loans and if so where would the money come from. The only source at this time would be general fund money.

Ken Taylor said coolers could be purchased and a structure built for fish cleaning for about \$6,850.00 per location.

A question was asked if there was any money that these business people could get from the County Revolving Loan fund.

Moved by Loheny that the City work with businesses to become Dramm Compliant, restrict use of grinders during certain times, increase surcharge at grinder locations, make sure all grinders are using city water, and form a sub committee to work on details. Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Taylor second by Lawrenz to allow no fish waste in the sanitary sewer system as of June 1, 2007. Roll call: 4 yes 1 no (Loheny)

New Business

- The cost for concrete from PCI for 2007 projects will be \$65.00 per yard.
- Vinton has requested a 15 day extension on the City projects except for the areas around Legion Park and Elementary School; these areas will be done by Shanty Days.

Next meeting will be May 29, 2007 at 5:00PM at the City Garage.

Moved by Schmidt second by Taylor to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.