

Public Works Meeting Minutes
December 18th, 2007

The Public Works Committee met on December 18th, 2007 @ 5:00 PM at the City Garage.

Present: Wayne Schmidt, Harold Nell, Ken Taylor, Lynn Lawrenz, Paula Wiese, Kelly Koss

Also Present: Gary Paape, Pat Zastrow, Tom Romdenne and Dick Kupskey from Veolia

Moved by Lawrenz, second by Taylor to adopt the agenda. MC.

Moved by Lawrenz, second by Nell to approve the minutes of the 11/27/2007 meeting. MC

Comments from the Public: Dick Kupskey was present to discuss the City's waste pick-up. Veolia did a route audit and brought several issues to the committee's attention. Some people are exceeding the 33-gallon bag per sticker size restriction by putting several smaller bags into one large bag. In addition, there are no provisions in the City's current contract for commercial pick-up and it appeared to Veolia that some of the downtown stops were commercial. Romdenne pointed out that the route contract is based on number of units (approximately 1362) and some of those units are residences above downtown district businesses. The current contract expires in March of 2008 and these issues will be addressed in the new proposal from Veolia.

Moved by Koss, second by Taylor to approve the bills for the WWTF and the Street Dept. MC.

WWTF Report:

- ▶ Average daily flow was 259,000 gallons/day compared to 339,000 gal/day in 12/06.
- ▶ Organic loading equal to 721#/day or 50% capacity.
- ▶ Energenecs has acknowledged receipt of the influent pump control and alarm system proposal. Equipment is now being procured. Installation date is expected to be the first week in March.
- ▶ Emergency repair work was done on digester gas compressor by Vacuum Pump & compressor. Excellent work done resulting in minimal impact on facility operations.
- ▶ Dan Tranior, DNR Auditor was here on 12/12/07 for mandatory facility lab inspection which occurs every three years. Records, procedures and QC documentation were examined. Lab received high grade and few minor deficiencies have been corrected.
- ▶ Will be meeting with Lamont from Process Equipment Repair Services about equipment retrofit & upgrades for 2008. Proposals will be made in next 1-2 months.
- ▶ One sewer credit was requested. Paperwork is complete for Clinton Paape, 602 Ohio St.. credit is in the amount of \$478.39. Move by Koss, second by Taylor to approve sewer credit for Paape in the amount of \$478.39. MC.

Street Dept. Report:

- ▶ Will be sealing around some manholes this week.
- ▶ Tub Grinder was here for brush pile.
- ▶ Loader is scheduled for delivery end of January.

- ▶ Bid for Perry St. project will be posted in paper in January with bid opening January 29th at Public Works meeting at City Hall at 5:00PM.
- ▶ A pinion drive gear on blower cracked and needs to be replaced. Stocking gear boxes would be cost prohibitive.
- ▶ Emergency plow stand-by during major storm for Fire/Rescue was discussed.
- ▶ Safety equipment for confined space entry into manholes around \$7000 through a buying pool with other cities. Would save approximately \$1000 by doing this. Needs to be ordered by January 15th, 2008.
- ▶ Problem with a lateral running into manhole up at North Park Rd.

Moved by Taylor, second by Nell to approve Street Dept. and WWTF report. MC.

Old Business:

State Street Culvert was discussed. Reviewed letter from residents in that area. Paape will invite the DNR to attend a meeting with the Public Works Committee and the home owners regarding this issue.

New Business:

Frank St. – Paape will barricade the end of that street so it does not have to be plowed.

Next meeting date January 29th, 2008 at 5:00 PM at City Hall.

Moved by Lawrenz, second by Nell to adjourn. MC.
Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.