

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on

Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

beginning at 6:00 P.M. in Council Chambers

PRESENT: Committee Chair Mitchell, Members; Davis, Oswald, Simmons, Corbin

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Director Deery, Water Team Leader Jacob, Engineer McKillips, WWPC Superintendent Korzan, Council Members Cerra and Lipian

1. Approval of the December 15th, 2021 Utility Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Davis moved and Second by Mrs. Simmons to approved the above mentioned Committee Meeting Minutes.

2. The matter of finding City Property, 2011 Ford F-350, unfit for public use and no longer needed. [Resolution]

[This matter was passed by the Finance Committee]

Referred By: WWPC Superintendent Korzan

WWPC Superintend Korzan said this is 2011 Ford F-350 truck that had been used as the plant's service truck for the lift stations. It was taken out of service at the end of last year when we received the new truck. The old truck is rusting to pieces, the engine would've needed to be replaced or a complete overhaul. It doesn't hold oil.

It took a long time to get the replacement truck, but they're glad that they finally have it. At the request of the City's fleet manager we are looking to dispose of this vehicle. Looking to put it on govdeals.com.

Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Oswald seconded to authorize a resolution authorizing the Safety Service Director to declare 'said' City property unfit for public use and no longer needed.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of finding City Property, 2011 Ford F-350, that is unfit for public use to be disposed of by the best means possible. [Ordinance]

[This matter was passed by the Finance Committee]

Referred By: WWPC Superintendent Korzan

Mrs. Davis moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to declare 'said' City property unfit for public use and no longer needed and to dispose of by the best means possible.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of the 2022 - 2023 Chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Referred By: WWPC Superintendent Korzan

Chair Mitchell said this is a standard process that we do every year.

Superintendent Korzan said yes, we do this annually. The chemicals that they use at the plant are commodities and pricing changes from year to year.

So every year we go out for bids we hope to get a better deal than we had the previous year. He is asking for emergency clause because the current contract will expire on April 15th. They go out for bids on these chemicals every year because there could be an issue with one or more of the chemicals that we order as far as supply and demand and if we contracted for two or three years we could end up with a really high price which has happened in the past. We find that going out for the best prices every year gives us the best chances of getting lower costs.

For flora-chloride we have two 12,000 tanks and we'll get four tanker loads in a month and a half, we go thru a lot of these chemicals. When the prices go up and we're already locked into a contract at the price we contracted for.

Mrs. Davis moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase of 'said' chemicals.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of the 2022 - 2023 Chemicals for the Water Pumping Plant.

Referred By: Water Team Leader Sam F. Jacob

Team Leader Jacob said this is just like Mr. Korzan this is yearly housekeeping for the Water Pumping Plant to bid the chemicals out every year. He said they would like to request this to go as emergency also. The Water Plant and Wastewater Plant bid everything out together.

Mrs. Davis moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase of 'said' chemicals.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account Agreement through Ohio EPA for replacement of lead service lines and galvanized service lines.

Referred By: Water Team Leader Sam F. Jacob *[This matter will also go to the Finance Committee]*

Team Leader Jacob said this first ordinance is giving him permission to apply for a forgivable loan up to a million dollars to replace lead service lines. Last year we applied for two loans and we got 1.9 million dollars in forgivable loans from the state. There are new loans coming out. Some of his staff is on committees from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and we were told to get the application in asap. The application is in the process of getting prepared and will get submitted next week. We won't know until June or July if we get it. But we wanted to be proactive and cover ourselves to get it submitted right away.

Mr. Oswald asked how far we are with replacing those lines?

Mr. Jacob said the 2nd phase will be completed late this spring and will be about two thirds done at that time. If we get another million dollar forgivable loan, we should be almost done. The cost is over five thousand per tap. If they find out that there is lead or galvanized lines, they will also be replaced thru that loan money.

Mr. Oswald said the contractors that are doing the work are doing a great job.

Mrs. Simmons moved and Mrs. Davis seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept if offered, the 'said' loan agreement and or grant through the Ohio EPA.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

7. The matter of a the replacement of Lead and Galvanized Service Lines throughout the City. (Public & Private Lines) [This matter will also go to the Finance Committee]

Referred By: Water Team Leader Sam F. Jacob

Team Leader Jacob said this second ordinance is to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the project if we're offered the loan. We have to be ready so we can begin as soon as we find out if we've received the loan. The contractor knows that if we don't get the forgivable loan from the Ohio EPA then we don't sign the contract.

Mrs. Davis asked a question, but she did not have her microphone on and therefore her question was inaudible.

Mr. Jacob answered and said when the City did the Water Meter Replacement Project they could tell what kind of line is going into the house at the time they installed the new water meter. That would have been recorded and the other way to find out is to have a service worker come to your house and look where the water meter is and check that line coming into the meter. He said that normally the galvanized line is from the curb box / the shut off in the tree lawn up to the water meter which is only what the city changes. If a resident has other pipes that need to be changed out, there are other ways to do that, through Community Development programs, if a resident qualifies.

Mr. Oswald asked if they put the copper pipe through the galvanized pipe rather than tearing it out?

Mr. Jacob said the procedure they're doing now is running new copper lines / brand new lines, from the main to the curb box if it's lead or galvanized.

Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Oswald seconded to recommend an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the replacement of 'said' lines.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

8. The matter of a change-order~No. 2 for additional quantities for the 2021 'crack sealing program'. [This matter will also go to the Finance Committee]

Referred By: City Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said Council approved a budget up to a hundred thousand dollars to do crack sealing in 2021. They had bid it out and awarded the contract for \$83,250 to Dennis Concrete and they proceeded to move forward throughout the City. They did parts of Rt 57, Abbe Road and many streets in neighborhoods which added up to over 188,000 lineal feet of cracks on over 47 streets which includes City Hall Parking lot, West Park and East Park lots. With the additional quantities it took to do these additional areas, they did exceed the contract amount and they did go above 10 percent over the contract amount which requires Council approval which is \$20,035 which is what we're asking for. The crack sealing is for asphalt and concrete streets only.

Chair Mitchell asked if Leo Bullocks Parkway is being looked at?

Engineer McKillips said it does need to be looked at, it hasn't been cracked sealed in at least 12 years.

Mr. Oswald said this is maintenance, by taking care of our streets, they last longer and we don't have to re-pave them.

Mr. Oswald moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to recommend an ordinance for the 'said' change order for the Crack Sealing Project.

MOTION MADE

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

9. The matter of a review of Streets for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program.

Referred By: Councilwoman Mitchell

Chair Mitchell said we now get to talk about streets because the most important thing we do as ward council people is residential streets.

And thanks to Issue 6 we've been able to deliver what the residents want.

Chair Mitchell said that this evening is for conversation and we'll discuss what streets each ward councilperson would like to see done in their ward. The engineering department will get the dollar amounts and then we'll go forward from their and see what we can do with the money we have to work with.

We have 1.5 million dollars to work with. It sounds like a lot of money, but once we start naming streets, it really isn't.

Mr. Cerra asked if anyone from the Engineer's office has driven down any of the streets on the list, because there are a few that he wouldn't agree with how they're ranked.

Engineer McKillips said the inspectors drove all of these streets and review them by pavement, curbs, drainage. She said that if a ward councilperson would like any streets reviewed, they can do that.

Chair Mitchell suggested if someone feels something is not ranked correctly to let the Engineer know and they can go back out and re-check it and possible re-rank it.

Ward 1: Mr. Lipian started with East Broad (E. River to Fairlawn), Denison (Park to Garford), Denison (Fairlawn to Concord) and Harvard (Concord to Fairlawn).

Chair Mitchell said that East Broad is a NOACA project, it will get done, but not Issue 6 Funds and Mrs. McKillips said it won't get done until 2023.

Chair Mitchell asked about the work that is in the process on East Broad at this time?

Engineer McKillips said Mr. Jacob's lead service line replacement project is working on sections block by block on East Broad St. which is causing those detours. That is ahead of the East Broad Street project that will be bid out at the end of this year with the NOACA funds and the complete project should be completed in 2024.

Mr. Lipian said since that street is thru NOACA it should be removed from his Ward 1 list and in place of that to add Harvard (Park to Garford).

Ward 2: Mrs. Davis said that Floradale Court was tore up by Metro Parks and she feels that Metro Parks should fix that street. And they're still using the street, it's part of Phase 2 of the Park Projects and they'll be using that a lot in next few months.

Engineer McKillips said that she will submit that request to the Lorain County Metro Parks. Mrs. Davis said Sheriff Street is ranked at 2.5 but it's in really bad condition. Her concern is that water sits on the street in the resident's property. She wondered if the City should wait and talk to them about the drainage issue and repair that before we repair the street. West River from 5-Points which is Foster and West River needs to be submitted to ODOT or NOACA because it's a main throughway from 5-Points to Rt. 57.

Engineer McKillips said they can apply for OPWC Funds and they will be replacing or repairing the sewer in that area which stretches from Bond Street to Floradale. She said they aren't sure how they will tackle that project. They can replace the entire sewer and would be ripping up the center of the road from Bond to Floradale or if they can move the flow from that specific sewer into the westside interceptor and decrease the size into a local 8" sewer and move it into the tree lawn which would not involve tearing up the street. If we apply for OPWC Funds then those applications are due in September. We can move forward with what we need to do with the sewers and then apply for the OPWC Funds to re-surface the street. There is money in the Engineering temporary budget for this project which would also cover the restoration on the pavement portion of it. One way or another this will be addressed.

Mrs. Davis went on with her chosen streets; Madison (Foster to Bond), Penfield (Foster to Oakwood), Bond (Lake to Adams), Bell (Rublin Ct to W River).

Chair Mitchell said that we're starting this process a lot earlier than they normally do. The Mayor and the Engineering Dept. has asked Council to try something different. The hope is we can go out to bid earlier, get better pricing and get the streets finished before summer.

Ward 3: Mr. Corbin said he drove the streets on the list and they were cleared from the snow, the crews did a great job.

The one street on his list, 427 Songbird was a cut-through when Chestnut Ridge was being re-done in the last two years. It's taken a lot of abuse. His chosen streets are Pinewood, Definance and Songbird are at the top of his wish list.

Ward 4: Mr. Oswald asked what OPWC stands for? Ohio Public Works Commission. And those streets highlighted in yellow will get done by OPWC funds. He said Washington Ave. from Broad Street to Hamilton is on the list and he realizes at the intersection of Depot Street and Washington is terrible but he doesn't feel right now that it's that bad and it would take a large chunk of the money for his ward. He feels it should wait. His list is Alexander, mainly the cul-de-sac area of the road, Hamilton Circle, Hemlock (191 and into the cul-de-sac), Ohio Street (St. Clair to Glenwood), north entrance of Overbrook and Vista Court. He realizes those are a lot and he may not get them all.

Mrs. Davis named off some more streets for her ward, which was difficult to hear because she did not have her microphone on. What I could make out was she was adding West River from Lake Avenue to Gateway.

Ward 5: Mrs. Simmons named off streets in her ward; 11th Street (West to Riverside Drive), 16th Street (Middle to West), West Ave (8th to 11th), George Street, State Street.

Ward 7: Mr. Cerra listed Wesley (Cleveland to Rt 57), Poplar St. (Rt 57 to White Oak), Hartford (Georgetown to the cul-de-sac), Hollywood (Georgetown to Rosewood), Salem (Georgetown to 988 Salem), Wilder (Livermore to Georgetown) and Sherwood (Hartford to Georgetown).

Ward 6: Chair Mitchell chose Penfield (Foster to Oakwood). A large section of West River Road from Infirmary to 3rd Street and with next round of OPWC they were supposed to do 3rd Street to the Gyro House, she asked Engineer McKillips if we can get those funds to do that section? Mrs. McKillips said if so, it would be a couple years out. Mrs. Mitchell asked if it can be priced out with Issue 6 and then look and see if there's another way to fund it. She continued with her list; intersection of Demas & Oakwood, Woodland (Lowell to Foster).

Mr. Lipian stated that he may make changes and this is a wish list item. He said it's a wonderfully devised wish list. He agreed with what Councilman Corbin said that the rankings appear dead on with their ranking orders. He thanked Chair Mitchell for including everyone in this meeting for this discussion.

Chair Mitchell thanked everyone and this is just conversation and we're just getting started. Engineer McKillips and her team will get pricing and we'll continue the conversation at the next meeting. And based on the money we have, we'll see what we can do. She remembers when we were only to get one street done per ward, she thanked everyone and all the residents for Issue 6.

Mr. Oswald asked about the Burns Road project that needed to be re-bid?

Engineer McKillips said they will need to rebid that in the next 4-6 weeks.

Mr. Oswald said they were going to get a new line going through Clark Street and it's been by the lead-line replacement project. Is there any plans for that now?

Engineer McKillips said there are plans to take that sewer in the direction to Fairlawn. Timing wise at least 7-8 years out. They're about 3 or 4 years out just to get to the other side of the railroad tracks. Then when they get to that other side of the railroad tracks, they have to head down to East River and Park and Eastern Heights. The Clark Street/Fairlawn is a separate leg of the project which can be done sooner rather than later but the coordination with the devastation with the lead service line has created. They can look into that but it's all about the timing.

Mr. Oswald said we're doing so much infrastructure work and then we don't want to tear up our good roads. He thanked Engineer McKillips.

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Oswald moved, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:52 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by, Colleen Rosado, Secretary
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