

March 15, 2012

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

9:00 a.m.

Chairperson Gary Ruff called the meeting to order. Members present: Gary Ruff, David Earney and Larry Farl.

Also present: Brad La Duke, contractor, Foreman-Debra Burce, City crew-Joe Wick and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

Agenda Item 1a: Road projects for 2012.

Ruff informed the committee that the following streets were planned for 2012:

- Dairyland Power Street and entrance
- Badland Road
- Museum driveway

Foreman Burce inquired if Nelson Road and Sunset Drive would be fixed where the water valve digs were done.

Ruff stated that it should remain crushed rock for a year to allow for settling and schedule blacktopping for 2013.

Earney asked if Shawnee Drive bridge would be paved. Flooding took the bridge out in 2010 and has been rock ever since. The committee agreed that this would be a good time to do the bridge since the Badland Road is being done and is close by.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to begin the process of the street resurfacing projects and to develop bids for the following: Dairyland Street, Badland Road, Museum driveway and Shawnee Drive bridge. All members voting yes.

Foreman Burce inquired if Moon's blacktop that was removed for the water valve dig should be replaced. The committee asked Deb Burce to ask the Moons if they could get by with crushed rock.

Joe Wick asked if the culverts would be replaced on Badlands Road. Ruff stated this will be looked at and determined when putting the road out for bids.

Deb Burce commented that Badland Road will need reconstruction. Sink holes have developed along Badland Road and crushed rock has been filled in.

Agenda Item 3a: Street concerns-sidewalk replacement plan.

The committee discussed with contractor, Brad La Duke, regarding coming up with a three sidewalk replacement plan starting with the sidewalks in most need of repair. Brad will meet with Deb Burce next week and look at the sidewalks.

Ruff inquired if the curb could be part of the sidewalk pour instead of separate so the sidewalk could not sink away from the curb and cause a trip hazard.

La Duke said this could be done, however, it is more time consuming and costly. La Duke stated that a lot of the problem sidewalks are a result of the poor concrete used by the State when the street lights were replaced. The state cut out a 2' section of sidewalk to run the power lines for the street lights leaving a seam and it is at this area that has caused the most trouble with the sidewalks.

A handicap curb cut needs to be done at Olive Street across from the apartment complex at 302 S. Main St. La Duke will look at this when he is out surveying the sidewalks.

The committee discussed the problems with the retaining walls along Alley Street and recommended that Alley Street be moved to the east and then sloped to the east to allow drainage away from the retaining walls. Property would need to be acquired and/or easements obtained from the property owners.

Brad La Duke asked that the city crew test with water in the sink hole on Alley Street to see where the water comes out. La Duke would like to know why settling is happening on Alley Street before he attempts to fix it.

Dave Earney suggested that when the sidewalks are replaced, water valves should be checked.

Discussion was held regarding the wall behind 107 N. Main Street. Brad LaDuke commented that he needs to know where the water is going before a solution can be suggested.

Discussion was held regarding Alley Street. Ruff stated that the committee has discussed moving Alley Street to the East, which would involve acquiring property from landowners, so that proper slope and drainage could be achieved to move the water run-off away from the retaining walls behind the North Main Street properties.

Agenda Item 3b: Summer help. Applications will be taken until April 6th for the summer crew help.

Agenda Item 1b: Mill Creek Road closure. Still in progress.

Agenda Item 4: Equipment concerns.

Joe Wick informed the committee that the city is in need of a one-ton pickup with a dump box and a skid steer.

Discussion was held regarding this issue.

Joe will do more research regarding the skid steer.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to authorize the advertising for the one-ton truck and to develop specifications. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 2a: Discuss reservoir. Deb Burce informed the committee that Cal is researching companies that can do the inspection and repairs. The company previously contacted cannot do the repairs.

Agenda Item 2b: Water rate increase. The hearing with the Public Service Commission for the water rate increase is scheduled for May 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Motion by Earney seconded by Farl to adjourn. All members voting yes.