

Sept. 11, 2012

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

2:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Foreman Debra Burce, Clerk Linda Torgerson and Richard Champeny.

Agenda Item 1: 2013 Budgets. The committee completed the proposed 2013 budgets.

Agenda Item 2: Railing for ramp at museum. Jim Wilkie stated that he will be obtaining quotes for the ramp and will report back.

Agenda Item 3: Richard Champeny property update.

Richard Champeny addressed the Committee with the culvert plans for Riverview Drive and his property. The following are the estimated city costs for this project:

- \$5,500 Reglin & Hesch
- \$2,252 Culvert
- \$1,500 Estimated cement work costs
\$9,252**

**This amount does not include the paving costs. (20' x 20' area)

Champeny would like to add an additional 80' of culvert to provide the proper discharge. Wilkie informed Champeny that any damage to the neighbors would be his responsibility. Wilkie inquired if he had spoken to his neighbors that could possibly be affected by the culvert. Champeny stated no.

Wilkie further informed Champeny that if the culvert would happen to plug and cleaning would be required, it would be at his expense.

Dave Earney asked Champeny the timeline of this project. Champeny stated he would still like to get the job done this year.

Champeny informed the committee that the driveway and culvert could not be installed from the lower side due to the sewer line running behind his property.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to present the culvert project for Riverview Drive at the Richard Champeny residence, as stated above, to the full council with an estimated cost of \$10,000 (does not include paving). All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 4: Parking on North Elm Street amendment. Linda informed the committee that she has received complaints regarding cars parking on North Elm Street by the Hiking Trail sign. This does not leave enough road width for vehicle traffic and concerns regarding emergency vehicle traffic being restricted when cars are parked were discussed.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Earney to instruct the city attorney to amend the City of Alma's no parking ordinance to include no parking on North Elm Street and in the meantime, instruct the city crew to place "no parking" signs on North Elm Street. All members voting yes.

Agenda Items 5 & 6: Parking ordinance amendment for River Street, if available and proposed ordinance amendment to address persons authorized to tow vehicles, if available. No amendments were received to review at this time.

Agenda Item 7: Discuss residential water run-offs. A complaint was received from a property owner regarding water run-off coming from his neighbor's property. The committee stated that this was a civil matter and that the City would not become involved in the complaint.

Agenda Item 8: Contract for sewer line inspections/cleaning. Linda informed the committee that Flow-Rite Pipe and Sewer Services, LLC contract is up for renewal at the same prices as the last 5 year contract.

Motion by Wilkie seconded by Ruff to renew the 5-year contract with Flow-Rite for the City's sewer line inspections. All members voting yes.

Deb Burce informed the committee that during the sewer line inspections, a lot of cleaning of the sewer lines had to be done because of cooking grease in the lines. Letters will be mailed to the property owners involved and reminder notices will be posted and/or sent to remind all residents not to put grease into the city sewer.

Agenda Item 9: Any sewer or water concerns. Deb Burce informed the committee that the City still is awaiting the report from the reservoir. Burce further stated that engineer, Lisa Fleming, hasn't provided the City with the water valve report.

Wilkie instructed Clerk Torgerson to draft a letter to Lisa Fleming, Ayres Engineer, requesting the completion of the water valve report and to have the letter signed by the Mayor.

Deb Burce stated that she had spoken with Charlie Cameron, DNR, and he is very happy with the city crew's progress on completing of the water department violation list.

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