

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Puhr called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Mike Puhr, Vice Chairman Jon Cooper, Aldermen Mike O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, and Rick Strebing. Aldermen Lloyd Randle and Rickey Williams, Jr. were absent. A quorum was present. Chairman Puhr announced he was notified that Alderman Randle would be absent and was excused. Alderman Williams arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Others in attendance included Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Alderman R.J. Davis, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, 2 audience members, and 2 news media.

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Puhr presented Minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2015. Alderman Strebing moved for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Puhr presented the agenda and removed Item 10-A, Ordinance amending Chapter 77 pertaining to prohibited parking on Raymond Avenue due to miscommunication regarding the wrong side of the street. There being no further changes, Alderman Strebing moved for approval as amended, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#4 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Cyril Ostiguy of Danville questioned the payment to Heritage Petroleum LLC and stated the stairwell walls look fantastic. Director Beith responded Heritage Petroleum LLC was the lowest bidder for fuel for the DMT buses. Mr. Ostiguy suggested the City seek fuel bids for other City vehicles.

#5 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Puhr welcomed newly elected Alderman, Sherry Pickering, to the Public Works Committee.

*[Alderman Williams arrived at 6:08 p.m. during presentation of the next item and took his seat at the dais.]*

#6 PAYROLL

Chairman Puhr presented Payroll for May 8, 2015 of \$67,891.76. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Cooper, O'Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Williams, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Randle

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7 VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Chairman Puhr presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable for regular run of May 12, 2015, of \$212,466.27. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O'Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Williams, Cooper, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Randle

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#8 FINANCE – Gayle Lewis, City Comptroller

#8-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing a Budget Amendment in the Towne Centre Fund Budget to create Revenue-Interest Income by \$500.00, and to create Expenditures-Professional Services by \$20,000.00, Contractual Services by \$111,857.00, and Dumping Fees by \$75,500.00, with funds to come from the Towne Centre reserve and revenue generated from interest income. Vice Chairman Cooper moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Williams. Comptroller Lewis explained Council approved a budget amendment for fiscal year 2014-2015 for Towne Centre for the West Main Street project. The work was not performed last fiscal year so funding needs to be included in the budget for the current fiscal year. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the funding is for demolition of all of the structures west of the David S. Palmer Arena to Gilbert Street. Alderman Pickering questioned the Towne Centre reserve budget amount and Comptroller Lewis stated the total is \$207,357.00. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the land that Towne Centre sits on used to belong to the City and when they went back to refinance recognized that with the City owning the land it was more difficult for them to refinance the Centre as a whole so the City sold them the land so the money could be used to purchase acquisition and demolish for the West Main Street project. Alderman Williams stated the amount Towne Centre was leasing it for from us would have taken us over twenty years to recoup the costs that we received all at once. Alderman O’Kane questioned if this is being rushed as the money might be needed at the end of the year due to possible State budget constraints. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the reason for wanting to get rid of the buildings would be the liability that exists as owners of the buildings and the City is interested in trying to see the land developed within the next 12 to 18 months or at least have development design and to have the site cleared and cleaned opens it up for greater interest as far as developers are concerned. Alderman Williams stated we do not want to spend money that we received once on regular operational expenses and it doesn’t make sense to spend it on something that is going to go away soon. We want to be able to use that money to make a lasting impression and a lasting improvement in our Community and a good return on our investments. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, Strebing, Williams, Cooper, O’Kane, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Randle

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#8-B) Items of Information

Comptroller Lewis stated staff is in the process of entering the new budget and checking everything over with plans to have the old Cash Flow report and the new Cash Flow report at the Council meeting next week. The City ended the year where we needed to end the year going into three contract negotiations. Chairman Puhr questioned when the tax levy and budget discussion will take place and Comptroller Lewis responded discussion will begin in August.

#9 DANVILLE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (DATS) – Jaclyn Marganski, Director

#9-A) Items of Information

- In the absence of Director Marganski, Director Schnelle reported DATS Technical Committee members participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Listening Tour on May 7, 2015. Governor Rauner directed the Secretary of Transportation and staff to come around and listen to local infrastructure concerns. There were three panelists who took audience comments. He also stated IDOT has a survey on their website for the public to input their comments.
- Director Marganski has been updating plans such as the Long Range Transportation Plan which has to be updated every five years. The document includes a lot of statistics and she is completing 80% of the work with 20% consulted out to a consultant specialist who does traffic modeling. The long range plan will soon be completed and up for adoption as well as the

Unified Working Plan.

#10 ENGINEERING & URBAN SERVICES – David Schnelle, Director

#10-A) previously removed

#10-B) Items of Information

#10-B-1) H & L Landfill Update – Director Schnelle reported that we have received a plan to shut down the pumping stations at the landfill and the plan has been submitted that to the EPA for review.

#10-B-2) NPDES Update - Director Schnelle reported there has been several heavy rain events causing a lot of debris in the catch basins. The crews are out cleaning as they can but it is always helpful if a resident sees a plugged catch basin to unplug it so the free flow of water can take place in front of their house. We have an aging system and 25% of storm sewer budget is already spent.

#10-B-3) Project Updates

2015 Sealcoat & 2015 Microsurfacing Projects – Maps will be distributed at the Council meeting next week and bids will be opened June 4 with proposals awarded at the June Public Works meeting.

Overlay Project (Resurfacing and Concrete Work) – Project is delayed this year due to funding and the funding is that the City is running the overlays for Poland Road in conjunction with TARP funding from the State and that funding is not eligible until July so we are looking to bid it in July with an August award. The concrete work we are looking to do some sidewalk and curb improvements on Warrington Avenue which would be done with CDBG funds and that requires a plan amendment and probably will not be bid until June.

South Griffin Street Bridge Project – Project was on the April letting and it came in at very good numbers so we have requested to go out for proposals for resident engineer services to help supplement the staff and 80% of the costs would be paid for through this project with the City needing to cover 20% of the costs. This would enable a field engineer to come back into the office and do design work to work on the Tuttle Street pump station removal as well as the Southview Pump Station removal project.

Bowman Avenue Project – Asphalt will be put down when all of the concrete work is completed which should be done sometime in June. The anticipated project completion date will be the end of July with the final completion date set for next spring as trees still need planted.

#10-B. Other Items of Information

Chairman Puhr thanked Director Ahrens and Director Schnelle for quickly taking care of some issues with underground borings by utilities which have shut down several businesses lately. Director Schnelle stated the purpose of the rewrite of Chapter 99 was to protect things like this and to provide more teeth to help protect the City's infrastructure. The City now has the ability to have the utility companies televise the sewer lines after they go through the lines.

#11 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Lisa Beith, Director

#11-A-1) The Monthly Recap for April 2015, included Ridership Reports, Monthly Revenue Record, and Ridership History. The April fixed route ridership totaled 55,380. The March total ADA ridership was 916 rides with the April ADA ridership report to be given next month. The total revenue for the month of April was \$30,230.12 which includes Farebox and Subscription revenue at \$20,528.74; Ticket Sales at \$9,017.21, Miscellaneous Revenue at \$121.87, and Advertising at \$562.30.

#11-A) Items of Information

- Bids for the transfer zone will be opened May 20, 2015.
- The bus purchased with insurance proceeds from Bus 925 was delivered on May 6 and the two trade-in buses have been traded in with Central States Bus.
- Installation of security cameras will begin the week of May 11.
- Completed applications for IDOT funding for fiscal year 2016 and their request was to submit the application at a 65% reimbursement rate which is what DMT typically receives as well as a 55% reimbursement rate which is what Governor Rauner is proposing. Alderman Williams

asked what impact DMT would incur if funding is reduced and Director Beith responded reduced funding would not be huge impact right away, but might include cutting a few runs in less populated areas and adjusting fares, but the problem is it cuts into the federal funds received and because the federal funds now make up the difference in the operating funds and that is what is used for capital projects.

#12 PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Ahrens, Director

#12-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution awarding Bid #533 to the lowest bidder Advanced Commercial Roofing for a Roofing Contract for the Carnegie Building, Vermilion County War Museum, Phase III Flat Roof Replacement, in the amount of \$29,502.00 with funds to come from the Capital Improvements Fund-Buildings. Vice Chairman Cooper moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman O’Kane. In the absence of Director Ahrens, Director Schnelle stated he reviewed the bid specifications which includes the usual per square foot price for deck replacement if needed. Alderman Williams asked if Phase III will complete the roof project for the Carnegie Building and Mayor Eisenhauer stated “yes”. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Williams, Cooper, O’Kane, Pickering, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Randle

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-B) Items of Information

- Discussion ensued regarding growing grass. Director Schnelle stated with the database process that has been instituted by Public Works Operations Division an immediate response can be given if a problem property address is called in to them. Staff has the capability to check right away to see if they have an open case at a particular address. Mayor Eisenhauer stated letters were sent out to violators who received violation notices for tall grass last year.
- Mayor Eisenhauer announced Bike with the Mayor event will be held May 15 beginning at the Danville Public Library at 5:00 p.m.

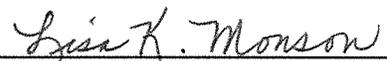
#13 CLOSED SESSION – None

#14 COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

- Alderman Strebing appreciated the opportunity to attend the award ceremony for the State Public Works award given to the City.
- Alderman Strebing announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the 65 unit housing complex will be held 11:00 a.m. on May 21 at the campus of the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System.
- Alderman Strebing announced Danville Housing Authority will celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Danville Housing Authority.
- Alderman Strebing announced seven students will graduate on May 16 from the Children’s Dyslexia Center.
- Mayor Eisenhauer updated the Committee on State legislation and stated Senator Link is working in conjunction with Governor Rauner’s staff on rewriting the gaming expansion bill.

#15 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. by acclamation after a motion by Alderman Williams and a second by Alderman O’Kane.



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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

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