

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2015

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Puhr called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Mike Puhr, Vice Chairman Jon Cooper, Aldermen Lloyd Randle, Mike O'Kane, and Rickey Williams, Jr. Aldermen Sherry Pickering and Rick Strebing were absent. A quorum was present. Chairman Puhr announced he was notified that Alderman Pickering would be absent and was excused. Alderman Strebing arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Others in attendance included Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Aldermen R.J. Davis and Tom Stone, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, DATS Director Jaclyn Marganski, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, 8 audience members, and 2 news media.

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Puhr presented Minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2015. Vice Chairman Cooper moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Williams. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Puhr presented the agenda and added Item 5-A, Discussion of Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates and Item 5-B, Discussion of Sound System Bid 536. There being no further changes, Vice Chairman Cooper moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Strebing. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#4-A PUBLIC HEARING for Petition to Vacate East-West Alleyway between 812 and 814 North Walnut Street for Petitioner Sue Ellen Lynch. Chairman Puhr opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. for the Petition to Vacate and asked for audience comments in support of the alley vacation.

- Sue Lynch of Danville, Petitioner, passed around pictures and stated she owns both properties and is requesting the alley vacation for safety reasons, to eliminate high traffic through the alley, and to prevent ruined hoses to the 812 N. Walnut Street property that is used for gardening.
- Christina Helferich of Danville and neighbor to the Petitioner stated the vacated alley will reduce vehicle and foot traffic and she also has safety concerns as her vehicle has been broken into two times within a three year period.
- Sherry Unkraut of Ashmore, sister to the Petitioner, visits frequently and has safety concerns with the alley accessible between the properties.

Chairman Puhr asked for audience comments in opposition to the alley vacation.

- Tuck Miller of Danville voiced opposition to the alley due to a concern with limited truck access as his brother uses his garage for the Robin Hood Foundation storage. He also feels an active alley should not be vacated and has concern with first responders being able to access the alley in an emergency as first responders accessed the alleyway two weeks ago in a garage fire behind his property.

Chairman Puhr asked if there were any other comments from the audience regarding the proposed alley vacation. Sue Lynch stated there were no first responders in the alleyway between her properties the night of the fire. Christina Helferich stated there is a lot more foot traffic at night than during the daytime. There being no further questions or comments, either for or against the petition, Chairman Puhr closed the hearing at 6:13 p.m.

#4 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Cyril Ostiguy of Danville voiced concern of five and a half feet of raw sewage received in the

basement of his property and lost 95 percent of the items in the basement after the recent storm event due to a sewer backup.

- Jan Ostiguy of Danville passed around pictures of the sewer backup damage and voiced concern that another sewer backup happened four months ago. She stated thousands of dollars of damage was received.

Chairman Puhr asked Director Ahrens to comment on the sewer damage. Director Ahrens stated as indicated there were hundreds of calls for service after the flood event. To speak directly to a couple of the comments made during audience comments Director Ahrens stated he will have to speak to Superintendent Garcia regarding the sewer installation at the Ostiguy property. There are a couple of conditions we run into from time to time. One is the sewer tap comes in along the flow line of our sewer main which means that property then will be more susceptible to backups because of the way the sewer flows that is the first point where water can relieve itself. There are a couple of other situations which may exist. Also situations where we have seen where floor traps do not have proper P-traps and other things. Other homes have created stand pipes which it is unique to have an 8" open pipe in a basement, whether that is connected to downspouts or other things such as a foundation drain which should not be tied to the sewer. When rains happen this quickly if that water is percolating through the ground and infiltrating our pipes through cracks and seams it would sure seem it would take a lot longer to fill the system than it does and I think the Danville Sanitary District can confirm after these rains it is an immediate response in our sanitary system which tells us a lot of our connections that are improper or illegal. Unfortunately most of us have bought our homes long after that was constructed and we have no design plans so we do not know how things are connected. There are a couple of assistance solutions that can impact a property such as backflow valves which prevents the sewage from reentering the home and can be installed. The City entered into agreement with Danville Sanitary District where citizens can install an overhead lift system where there sewer discharge is no longer at the elevation of the basement. The City is willing to pay a third of the cost, the Danville Sanitary District a third and the homeowner a third. That does not address what has already happened, but it is an attempt on our part that older homes were created the way they were and this is the only effective method of addressing that at this point. New homes constructed today are not allowed to be constructed in that fashion, all sewage below grade has to be lifted up into a proper sewer system so that this theoretically cannot or should not happen. We have a lot of older homes in the community and both storm and sanitary systems were way overwhelmed as a result of this flood event. We are working to continue to identify cross connections.

#### #5 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

##### #5-A) Discussion of Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates in Construction of Public Works

Clerk Monson explained prevailing wage rates in construction of Public Works is required by State Statute each June and has to be filed with the Illinois Department of Labor by July 15.

##### #5-B) Discussion of Council Chambers Audio/Video Sound System Bid 536

Mayor Eisenhower stated two bids were received when bids were opened on June 5 with the bid recommendation to the lowest bidder, Ruder Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$25,729.30 to come from the Capital Improvements Fund. The reason we are bringing this to you this evening is because after the bid opening on Friday we wanted the opportunity to reflect and review the bids and make sure they were comparable in their bids. Clerk Monson stated there will be new microphones for each alderman with capabilities to digitally record. There will also be a video projector and screen for presentations, microphones for department heads, two additional speakers, and a separate sound system in the conference room to be used for closed sessions. Mayor Eisenhower stated the audio recorded meeting will eventually be placed onto the City website for individuals who cannot be in attendance at the meetings. Another purpose for the new sound system is the requirements under the Open Meetings Act (OMA) are so stringent about recording and the system we have today is very antiquated due to the older microphones and tape deck and the digital audio recording system will provide better preparation of minutes. Chairman Puhr questioned the capabilities of video recording and Mayor Eisenhower stated video cameras can be purchased in the future, but the new system is designed so the audio can blend with visual if the desire is to place cameras in the Council Chambers. Alderman

Strebing asked who was going to maintain they system and Mayor Eisenhower responded Agnel DSilva will take care of the digital elements and other City staff will take care of the wiring and hardware. Alderman O’Kane questioned Bluetooth capabilities for the hearing impaired and Mayor Eisenhower stated that is an element we can look into after the bid is awarded. Alderman Williams asked if the new system will allow better projection to the audience and Mayor Eisenhower responded “yes” due to each alderman having their own microphone and the capability for each microphone volume to be preset. The consensus from Committee was to take both items directly to the June 16 Council meeting.

**#6 PAYROLL**

Chairman Puhr presented Payroll for June 5, 2015 of \$83,431.93. Vice Chairman Cooper moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman O’Kane. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

**#7 VOUCHERS PAYABLE**

Chairman Puhr presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable for regular run of June 9, 2015, of \$657,842.47. 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 Randle, O’Kane, Strebing, Williams, Cooper, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

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

**#8-A) Items of Information**

- Director Marganski reported MPO is working with Northern Illinois University to create a regional bike map.
- An MPO intern is working this summer on the plans for the riverfront and a downtown parking study.
- Housing Task Force Committee will be meeting this week and a final report on affordable housing in the Community will be given soon.

**#9 ENGINEERING & URBAN SERVICES – David Schnelle, Director**

#9-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution rejecting Bid Number 534 for the 2015 Sealcoat Program, Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. Director Schnelle stated the bid specifications included limestone chip and the City no longer uses that type of aggregate so the sealcoat program will be rebid with bid results in time for the July 7 Council meeting. The consensus from the Committee was to take the resolution directly to Council. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution awarding Bid Number 535 to the lowest bidder, AC Pavement Striping Company, in the amount of \$93,830.86 for the 2015 Microsurfacing Program, to come from Infrastructure Development and Improvement Fund-Pavement Maintenance. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. Alderman Strebing questioned if the vendor performs striping and Director Schnelle stated

"no". There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-C) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution approving agreement to Knight & Associates Surveying, LLC in the amount of \$80,842.00 for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the South Griffin Street Bridge, to come from MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funds, Section #10-00341-00-BR. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. Director Schnelle stated he has received letter from IDOT that structural steel shop drawings are in the works. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-D) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance authorizing Vacation of East/West Alleyway between 812 and 814 N. Walnut Street for Sue Ellen Lynch. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Randle. Questions were addressed regarding access to audience member Mr. Miller's garage, access to utilities, and condition of the alley. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Randle, Strebing, Williams, Puhr

Nays: Alderman Cooper, O'Kane

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 4 to 2 with 1 absent.

#### #9-E) Items of Information

#9-E-1) H & L Landfill Update – Director Schnelle reported the EPA approved the proposed shutdown plan for the landfill and the Attorney General is now deciding if a new consent decree is necessary or the current consent decree modified.

#9-E-2) NPDES Update - Director Schnelle presented a Storm Response presentation on the recent storm event damage showing pictures from various areas of the City which brings to light that discussions need to begin on stormwater problems throughout the City. He also passed out a map identifying calls for service within 24 hours of the storm event and noted that each ward is affected. He referenced a petition of signatures that was received from the Countryway Street area residents seeking relief from flooding problems which was passed out to the Committee. He would like to see a stormwater master plan developed as well as an update to the stormwater ordinance. Director Ahrens stated there is a lot of work ahead. Alderman Stone asked if State or Federal emergency management funds can be obtained and Mayor Eisenhower stated once the City's response ends then all departments will document expenses incurred as well as homeowner's documented damage expenses which will be submitted to the Governor's office.

#### #9-E-3) Project Updates

Bowman Avenue Project – Asphalt is down and residents are now driving on Bowman Avenue.

#### #9-E.. Other Items of Information

Alderman Randle questioned Director Schnelle on the railroad drainage problem in Ward 7. Director Schnelle stated he has contacted the railroad for an update and is would like to wait to hear back from the local representative before further steps are taken.

#### #10 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Lisa Beith, Director

#10-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution awarding Bid Number 532 to Midwest Asphalt Company for Construction of Richard Brazda Bus Terminal Project, in the amount of \$2,382,843.00 with funds to come from the Illinois Department of Transportation CAP-14-1035-ILL, Federal Transit Administration

Section 5307, and Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) for a solar energy system and approve a budget amendment to effectively account for the expenditure, to increase fiscal year 2015-2016 budget Transfer Zone BD 15 by \$2,832,843.00. Alderman Williams moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Director Beith stated normally IDOT approval has been received before a resolution is brought to Committee, but she is sending to IDOT and taking to Committee at the same time due to the time frame of the construction season and if the resolution is approved this evening it can be taken directly to Council once approval is received from IDOT. Alderman O'Kane asked if the bid amount was all within budget and Director Beith stated "yes". There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#10-B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing execution of intergovernmental agreement with Springfield Mass Transit District (SMTD) for Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Services and Use of Loaner Vehicles, 2025. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. Director Beith stated the intergovernmental agreement with SMTD has been in place for a couple of years due to SMTD having a regional maintenance facility and have capabilities to work on smaller paratransit vehicles. SMTD would also be able to work on the four new super medium duty buses that are supposed to arrive soon. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#10-C-1) The Monthly Recap for May 2015, included Ridership Reports, Monthly Revenue Record, and Ridership History. The May fixed route ridership totaled 55,380. The April total ADA ridership was 916 rides with the May ADA ridership report to be given next month. The total revenue for the month of April was \$26,063.51 which includes Farebox and Subscription revenue at \$18,913.01; Ticket Sales at \$6,588.00, and Advertising at \$562.50.

#### #10-C) Items of Information

- Bids for the transfer zone were opened May 27, 2015.
- Installation of facility security cameras is in process.
- Contract for four Super Medium Duty buses was signed and submitted and are slated to arrive sometime before the fall of 2015.
- Director Schnelle stated he had a brief discussion with Director Beith's IDOT contact and he did indicate the signatures are in the Chicago office and he expects the signed documents to be completed as early as next week.

#### #11 PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Ahrens, Director

#11-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) for Routine Maintenance of State Routes, for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2025. Vice Chairman Cooper moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Williams. Director Ahrens stated this is a recurring agreement and the City has continued to provide these services to the State in exchange for a reasonable fee. He sent an inquiry to IDOT regarding the calculation for lump sum compensation amount estimate and is waiting for a response. The compensation is for plow, patch, and to perform maintenance on the State highways within the corporate limits of the City. IDOT has taken on the striping, but most everything else is the responsibility of the City. Questions were addressed by Director Ahrens. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Williams, Cooper, Randle, O'Kane, Puhr  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Pickering  
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-B) Items of Information

- Director Ahrens reported Bob Scott, Service and Operations Manager, has chosen to take the ERI (Early Retirement Incentive) at the end of June. A retirement open house event will take place June 26. Bob has not only performed a great job for the City, but has also taken on many aspects of the City's representation to outside entities at the State and National level in leadership levels.
- Special kudos to Ray Garcia in his handling of the storm event damage as well as some of the other things he has undertaken such as his ability to oversee design construction management and decisions and modifications in the field which has helped from an engineering prospective.

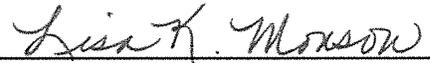
#12 CLOSED SESSION – None

#13 COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Alderman Williams announced there are still spaces available for the Project Success summer program.

#14 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by acclamation after a motion by Alderman Strebing and a second by Alderman Williams.



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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

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