

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 2015

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Puhr called the special meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:46 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Mike Puhr, Vice Chairman Jon Cooper, Aldermen Mike O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, and Rickey Williams, Jr. Absent were Aldermen Lloyd Randle, Rick Strebing and Rickey Williams, Jr. A quorum was present. Alderman Rickey Williams, Jr. arrived at 5:50 p.m. and Alderman Rick Strebing arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Others in attendance included City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, 3 audience members, and 2 news media.

#2 AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None

[Alderman Williams arrived at 5:50 p.m. and Alderman Strebing arrived at 5:52 p.m. during discussion of the next item and took their seats at the dais.]

#3 PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Ahrens, Director

#3-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing purchase of an Aerial Lift Truck for Streets Division Electrician, in the amount of \$179,921.00 from Altec Industries in accordance with NJPA (National Joint Purchasing Alliance) Contract #31014, including related equipment to come from the Capital Improvement Fund. Vice Chairman Cooper moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Director Ahrens reported \$25,018.00 has been spent in parts for repairs since November 2011 on the current truck, not including labor. It is a 1999 International Truck with over 120,000 miles and 113,800 engine hours and if the desire is to preserve the truck it would require a complete in line overhaul repair which is an additional \$7,500.00 to \$10,000.00. The electrical truck was in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget, but for whatever reason the State of Illinois Joint purchasing program did not and has not issued Contracts for that type and size of truck for quite a while. The new truck would have a 2016 Freightliner cabin chassis and has a 55 foot aerial lift. The current truck has a 35 foot aerial lift, but more importantly the new truck will lift a heavier pay load such as when it is being utilized for setting light poles and pulling the pool pump. Alderman Pickering asked what is done with the old truck and Director Ahrens stated the City tried to get a good trade in with the vendor, but they only offered \$2,500.00 so the truck will be put in the City auction. There being no further discussion, 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.

#4 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. by acclamation after a motion by Alderman O’Kane and a second by Alderman Pickering.

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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk