

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MARCH 20, 2019

The Public Works Committee met on March 20, 2019, at 4:30 P.M. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairman Gould, Alderman Hughes, Alderman Sharp, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Braun, Mayor White, Superintendent Sutherland, City Engineer Coulter, Office Manager Passage

Also Present: Erik Reny 310 Hickory

Chairman Gould called the meeting to order

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Reny was in audience and asked to address the committee under the topic 310 Hickory sidewalk.

310 HICKORY -SIDEWALK

Office Manager Passage stated that Eric Reny has requested that he be allowed to remove the sidewalk at his property at 310 Hickory from the alley to Third Street. He would like to add gravel all the way to the street.

Eric Reny addressed the committee. He stated that he would like to remove the sidewalk along Hickory and expand his parking. He stated that he would place gravel in the area.

A discussion ensued regarding the removal of the sidewalk. Mayor White stated that the committee had three options.

1. Leave the area as it is currently
2. Have property owner go through the sidewalk program
3. Allow the removal of the sidewalk

Alderman Sharp stated that he could see allowing a wider approach to allow for his larger vehicles, however; he is not in favor of giving up the sidewalk.

Alderman Hughes agreed with Alderman Sharp, along with Chairman Gould.

Eric Reny stated that he is not interested in the sidewalk program. A discussion was held regarding the culvert, for storm water drainage at the corner of Hickory and Third. Mr. Reny stated that it is not draining correctly. Mayor stated that Superintendent Sutherland would investigate as to why the culvert is not working. The consensus of the committee was to have Superintendent Sutherland correct the culvert situation and denied the request to remove the sidewalk.

Mayor White stated that once the drainage is corrected then they could re-visit the sidewalk issue, however he would like to see the sidewalk replaced.

HIGH USAGE WAIVER

Office Manager Passage stated that she has received one High usage waiver request.

Danny Dawson 1506 Birren. Superintendent Sutherland confirmed that the water that was used did not go through the sewer system. The amount to be considered to be waived is \$8.71. The consensus of the Committee was to grant the waiver.

PROJECT UPDATE

Engineer Coulter stated he had nothing to report.

Mayor White advised the committee that it looks promising for the City to receive the grant funds for the replacement of sidewalk at City Park and that we should receive possible confirmation shortly.

BRIDGE INSPECTION

Engineer Coulter stated that he will address the needed repairs in next year's budget and will bring information to the committee in fiscal year 19-20.

OSHA INSPECTION

Engineer Coulter stated that he is working with Superintendent Sutherland regarding the Hickory street lift station repairs that are needed from the OSHA inspection. He stated they had reviewed a few options regarding the need for a platform. Superintendent Sutherland presented a quote from Rick Coffey Construction to provide the labor to build a platform around the lift station, in the amount of \$1,500.00. He stated that the estimated material costs would be \$800.00. Superintendent Sutherland stated that he would like to have approval for an amount not to exceed \$2,700.00 for the construction of a platform deck around the Hickory Street lift station. Alderman Sharp discussed the type of material they would be using. The consensus of the committee was to seek council approval for the project, and authorized Superintendent Sutherland to purchase some of the material, due to this being as a result of an OSHA inspection. Superintendent Sutherland stated that he would like to move the meter and purchase new controls in the three lift stations, as this will help with eliminating some risk of the employees going into a confined space. The cost to have the meters moved and new controls installed would be \$3,944.00. The recommendation of the committee was to have the Superintendent obtain the proposal and seek approval at the first meeting in April, to have the work completed in the new fiscal year.

SUMMARY:

Council Agenda Items: Hickory Street Lift Station Improvement
Chairman Action – nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Dennis Gould, Chairman