

UTILITY COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2021

Brillion City Center

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Jeff Wittman at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeff Wittman, Vice Chair Dave Schwahn, Mary Jo Krueger, Russ Boldt, Leonard Kopidlansky, Dan Farrell, Council Rep Joe Levash

Staff: Andy Geiger, Patty Schreiber

Guests: Paul Much-MCO, Pete Litersky-MCO, Tony Kappell-McMahon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion-Schwahn moved to approve the agenda as printed. Second by Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion-Levash moved to approve the revised minutes of the August 16, 2021 and the minutes of the October 8, 2021 Water and Sewer Utility Meetings. Second by Boldt. Farrell corrected the word fence on the second page second full paragraph. The word should be vent. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion-Boldt moved to approve the Utility Vouchers as listed. Second by Krueger. All in favor. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT - none

INFLOW & INFILTRATION REDUCTION/LEAD SERVICE PROJECTS

Sunrise Circle with Mini Storm – Recommendation to Council

Geiger explained due to the funding situation in 2022 Homewood was not tangible. Swapping the two projects around. Sunrise Circle was submitted to the LRIP Program and the City of Brillion was awarded \$41,353.55 in funding. Geiger explained the LRIP process. Worked with Ron Wolf for options. The 2022 budget has \$160,000 of borrowing for street projects. The Sunrise Circle project does include approximately \$8,300 in utility work. Received approval at last night's Council meeting for \$3,000 to complete the topo work for Sunrise. There will be spot curb repair. Mini-storm sewer will be installed of which 50% will be assessed to the residents. When working on Bentwood there was only a 6" base. Assuming that subdivision was all done the same way so anticipating the same 6" base on Sunrise Circle. Geiger feels comfortable with the pulverized option for this project after discussion with Wolf. Wolf is comfortable with the pulverizing option as well. Would not suggest pulverizing Valleyview or Homewood.

Motion-Schwahn moved to recommend to Council to go with the Sunrise Circle pulverized/repave reconstruct option with a cost of \$158,032.50. Seconded by Levash. All in favor. Motion carried.

MCO REPORT

Litersky reported power outage caused filter PLC issues. Nothing major.

Winterized hydrants. If the non-draining hydrants are used, they will need to be retreated. This is by design because of the high-water levels in the area of certain hydrants. The valves close to wells, towers, etc are completed by MCO employees. Inflow dishes in the street are pulled so no plow damage. Only took out three this year as a result of surface repairs completed by Fahrner.

Midwest Meter called Litersky and let him know next year will include a 8-12% increase in price. Was able to place the order for next year's meters at this year's pricing. Planning on the 8-12% increase for the following year.

The water complaint discussed at previous meeting was reviewed. Next door neighbor has pink in one of their toilets. Another neighbor has pink in a bathroom sink. All three are on the same side of the street. Have not heard back from any of the residents.

I/I Mapping Plan History

Litersky reviewed the 2015-2020 map. Wolf supplied the second map in 2019. Informational only.

Update on Letter of Non-Compliance Response to DNR

Geiger along with Much, Kappell and Litersky worked together to draft key points for the response letter to the DNR regarding the NON. Letter was drafted and sent out today. Copy of the letter will be in next month's packet. Dave Haas acknowledge receipt.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Update - WWTP Upgrade Plan

McMahon, City of Brillion and MCO met on Monday morning to discuss progress on the plan. Currently working on revisiting costs associated with upgrade options.

Wills asked to prioritize the different elements of the plan in a way to offer plan phasing. The group will meet again December 9th and a formal presentation will follow at the December 20th Council meeting. Impacts of phosphorus trading is being looked into. Will contact Ariens to see what they may have to offer regarding a possible trading agreement.

Having a joint meeting for the presentation was questioned. Geiger will check with Wills and get an invitation sent out.

Update-DNR – NON for WPDES Permit for Chloride Source Reduction measures

Kappell has not heard back from the DNR.

The Annual chloride report is due at the end of the year. The formal agreement for the report has not been provided yet. Plan to provide to Geiger. This year there maybe a few items that need to be addressed. Should not be much more work required than previous years.

CHAIRMAN – nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

3rd Quarter Water Residential Rates

Copy of the code was included in the packet. Do not have to change code based on the verbiage. Farrell suggested Council address to clean up the code. Geiger will discuss with Wills.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Funding Sources for WWTP Upgrade

Handout included in packet.

CLERK/TREASURER

Shared the progress on delinquent utility collection. Those accounts able to be put on the tax roll will be processed this week.

OLD BUSINESS - nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Geiger received an email from Ariens regarding utilizing the water tower for transmission from Plant 1 to Round Lake Farms and Stone Prairie. Geiger will collect additional information and place on a future meeting agenda. Will look into City code with regards to this topic.

Fire Department has not done anything with the exterior tower cleaning. This will be a next year project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Patricia A Schreiber
Clerk/Treasurer