

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 -Held at City Hall – 1:30 pm –Audio Available

Call to order by: Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Board Members: Bonnie Edgell, Tom Janes, and Patty Fisel

Also present: City Attorney Steve Hagen and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting

Date: March 23, 2011

Motion to approve by: Bonnie Edgell Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

None

Unfinished Business

1. McKibben Excavating – Paving for Sewer Line Replacement

City Engineer Rick Pharis addressed this issue. When the sewer line was replaced, the asphalt was taken out of the original bid. An area of 74 x 16 was cut out of the car lot for the replacement. This area has a blanket easement of approximately 12-14 acres. Pharis is asking that we compromise with the car lot owner and replace a 74 x 10 area. There are two options to consider. The first option would be to replace the asphalt at a charge of \$2930. The second option would be to use limestone as a replacement at a charge of \$850. Pharis is recommending that we replace the area with asphalt since that is what the owner had originally in place and feels it would be a fair compromise and will improve the assessed value of the property as well.

Motion to replace the 74 x 10 area with asphalt at a cost of \$2930 by: Patty Fisel

Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

2. Land Application – Permit Application

Waste Water Superintendent Mark Schultz advised the Board of the ads placed for potential interest in the land application of sludge. The advertisements brought no further interest beyond that of Jeff Cunningham, a current City employee. There is an initial fee of \$500 for a study. The permit application fee is then \$3000 followed by quarterly reports @ \$150 each. Schultz sees potential for a great cost savings in the future. It currently costs approximately \$35,000 for sludge removal. The biggest savings would come in the reduction of chemicals. He estimates approximate \$170,000 savings over a five year period and is requesting the Board to allow the initial study at \$500.

Motion to approve the feasibility study at \$500 by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell Vote: All Ayes

New Business

None

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Police Chief Bryan Shearer: Bryan informed the Board that the Police Department was awarded a Federal Grant of \$18,000 in firearms for approximately \$600 in shipping charges. They have also been awarded a military Hum Vee vehicle at no charge which is valued at \$30,000-\$40,000. This will not be used as a regular vehicle but for range activity and when needed during winter months.

Shearer also informed the Board that the PD is teaming with Drug Free Noble County in a take back prescription drug program. There will be a press release and a drop box will be located in the lobby of the PD.

Street Dept. Manager Mike Burdette: Mike informed the Board that the 2011 tree has begun. They have already taken 15 dead trees between the sidewalk and street down and plan to take 4 more down.

City Clerk Barb Hawn: Barb informed the Board that the new City website is up and operational. All information has been updated. A community calendar has been included and any local organization may ask to have their event included on the calendar. Minutes and agendas will also be included in the future. Hawn commended Chris Fought for a job well done on the site.

Mayor Fisel: Mayor Fisel informed the Board that Council revisited the Building & Zoning Commissioner position salary and set the wage at \$13.00 for 20-25 hours per week. The City is looking to fill the position as soon as possible and may post or advertise the position.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Tom Janes

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Fisel