

CITY OF ELKHORN
Municipal Services and Utilities Committee Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

March 23, 2015

Municipal Services and Utilities Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Alderman Payson followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Gary Payson, Sr., Hoss Rehberg, Gregory Huss

Also present: Mayor Brian Olson, Alderman James D'Alessandro, Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Utility Director John Murphy, Public Works Operations Manager Marty Nuss, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum, Kellen Olshefski, others

WATER FLUORIDATION: Discussion RE Resumption of Activity

Chace Wolff and Alyssa Ricketts spoke to the committee regarding the benefits of adding fluoride to the City's water supply. Alyssa Ricketts provided information regarding obtaining a fluoride equipment grant. Utility Director said the average amount of natural fluoride in the water is .2 per million and the plan is to build into the new plant an injector site for fluoride. He said there is an injection site at the Centralia plant and it would cost about \$7,000 to repair the pump, plus yearly maintenance costs. The costs per year were prohibitive in the past. The committee asked Utility Director Murphy to provide costs to reuse the injector point at the Centralia plant.

CITY ENGINEER: Project Updates; Review/Discuss Sunset Pool Parking Lot Design

City Engineer Paul VanHenkelum provided a memo with updates on City projects. Updates included:

- Hwy 12/CTH NN will be starting in the fall with some closures and detours as a result. If the City bids their portion of the road after the DOT does they can coordinate with the contractor and save on detour costs. He will bring back a task order for it in the next couple of months.
- He met with the school regarding Hazel Ridge and has three options for the intersection by West Side School. He attempted contacting the cemetery and owners of the former Lakeland School, but has not had a response. He will have more information at a meeting in April.
- He will have more information at the next meeting regarding the CIP streets costs. It will be bid the first part of May with awarding mid-May.
- He will provide a resolution to Administrator Tapson tomorrow for the MS4 grant application for approval at the council meeting on April 6th. The deadline to apply is April 15th and Kapur does not charge a fee for the application.
- The pool parking plan will be bid in three phases- the south and north lots and entrance from Walworth. He expects to see an increase for the south lot due to the added storm sewer work and landscaping. He is working with DPW Manager Nuss and the P.D. on the drop off area and the south to north lot connection. DPW Manager felt it didn't need parking blocked along the whole connection; one to two spots for no parking would suffice. The bid will be in the newspaper next Thursday with a recommendation to the council on April 20th. Updated cost estimates are \$165,000 for the south lot, \$50,000 for the north lot and \$41,000 for the entrance. Administrator Tapson suggested that the landscaping go to the Plan Commission as they would have the ability to allow for placing of the landscaping differently than what the City ordinance requires.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: Review of Proposed Modifications to Code and Guidelines

Administrator Tapson provided revisions to the ordinance in Chapter 14 and 20 and to the Property

Enforcement Practices Guidelines based on previous discussions by the committee. Ordinance changes include changes to alteration completion times and extensions, a broader definition of exterior conditions and using the Public Safety Committee for approval of extensions. Police Chief Christensen said the P.D. will complete identifying properties and give the list to Administrator Tapson this week. Alderman Payson felt the changes give staff better working tools. **Motion (Payson/Rehberg) to recommend approval of the Chapter 14 and 20 ordinance changes and changes to the Property Enforcement Practices Guidelines. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk