

Public Works Committee Meeting

City Of Virden

City Council Chambers

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Meeting called to order by Alderman Bertolino at 7:00 pm.

Aldermen in attendance: Bertolino, Boster, Ibberson, Mitchell, Mottershaw and Calloway. Cunningham let the Mayor know that she wasn't going to be attending the meeting. Neighbors isn't in attendance due to being sick.

Additional in attendance: Mayor Murphy and Public Works director Gary Etter.

Visitors: Lance and Josephine Hickey, Kim Ball, Dave Hobson, Bruce Lair, Jessica Selhime, and Ryan Calloway. Lance and Josephine Hickey left at 7:15. Kim Ball, Dave Hobson and Bruce Lair left at 8:15 pm. Jessica left at about 8:17 pm.

Comments from audience:

1. Lance and Josephine Hickey to discuss annexation at Mill Creek.

We talked last time about extending the lot 40ft and if we paid for half of the road and sewer, we could make something happen. She has a hard time committing to something when she doesn't know how much it would cost. In City Code, the developer should bear all costs, but there is nothing in there that says if someone wants to be annexed in, a street has to be put in or an alley. Mottershaw doesn't see why it can't be annexed in, we can't force someone to build streets if it isn't being developed.

Motion made by Mottershaw seconded by Mitchell to recommend to the council to accept their annexation request contingent on them paying for any additional cost with the annexation. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Sanitation Board (Kim Ball, Dave Hobson and Bruce Lair) to discuss water meter issue.

We noticed we are not billing for enough for how much we are paying for. We have been consulting the meter people. We can't find a leak anywhere. They've keep checking to make sure it's not a meter issue. We keep saying it may be the software. They have admitted the gallons sent from them to LOCIS is too low. Steve Vance (Rural Water) came and looked at numbers. He looked at our usage and not usage. He believes it's in the software. Can you find another town who uses both LOCIS and Beacon and see if they are having the same problem? If so then you know it's the software. If these people won't answer the questions, then go with someone else. Ryan thinks the problem is in the low profile bases. You have already tested the high use now lets test the low use and see where we are at. We just wanted to let you know what is going on and we are working on it.

Topics:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes 10/19/23

Motion made by Bertolino seconded by Mottershaw to approve meeting minutes for 10/19/2023. Motion passed with all in favor.

2. Discuss Vactor Truck

They came and demoed the 2004 model. We vacuumed and jetted with it and it cleaned within 20 mins. It was awesome. We are wanting the 2013 version. It has a third less miles, a fourth of the hours and a better engine. He said if we get the approval to take this to council, to call him and he would hold it.

Motion made by Mitchell seconded by Mottershaw to recommend to council to purchase the 2013 Vactor Truck (for \$189,261). Motion passed with all in favor.

3. Discuss update on East Park concession stand roof

It's completed and it's done. There was a lot more rot in there than they realized. So it's all new sheeting under the roof and new fascia all the way around.

Additional:

- The auction ended tonight on the lot on Stoddard St. It sold for \$5,000. Gary told the lady that I would bring it up and see if we would take the price. Bertolino said it's my recommendation that we take that price. Gary said he would contact them that we will accept the bid at the next council meeting, so they can get started and go from there.
- We had the insurance come and inspect some stuff. He said we need to get some defibrillators. I have American Medical getting me a price on two of them. They said I have to have them in here. I wanted to let you know that that was coming. I talked to Jay Fahs (Prairieland Ambulance) and he wants them to coincide with what they use.
- Have we heard any more on our Condemnation Suit? Murphy sent everything in that was needed. I was expecting an email or something on the 15th saying we are closed, but nothing. Are you talking about our demolition one? Yes. I was talking about the North End drainage one. Murphy guesses that we got the IHDA grant. They (Cochran) had a list of questions and documents they wanted us to produce. He answered all the questions and documentations we had on the 15th. They set the date for Jan. 25th court date. If the judge has any cancellations earlier in the month, we could be going in sooner.

Motion made by Ibberson seconded by Mitchell to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Karen Burgess
Deputy City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved: 11/30/23