

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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10-03-2023 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: David Armstrong, Brandi Ensor, Robin Blair, and Chris Taylor.

Staff Members present: Zeb Carney, Public Works Director, Greg Dagnan, City Administrator and Rachel Sutherland, Public Works Administrative Assistant.

Citizens present: Mark Elliff and Trudy Blankenship.

Chairman David Armstrong called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Robin Blair to accept the minutes from the September 5, 2023 Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding the increase in garbage fees. Per the 5 year contract between Republic Services and The City of Carthage there is a 3% cap on annual fee increases for residential and commercial accounts. The new rates will be \$14.18 and \$11.55 Senior Rate.

Brandi Ensor made a motion to forward to Council, to be put in a Resolution. All ayes motion carried.

2. The Comprehension Plan is being amended, by the Planning & Zoning Committee. The Comprehensive Plan is separate from City Council and serves as a "blueprint" for the future plans for Our City. At this time it is just being updated not changed. In 18-24 months it will be looked at again to see if further updates are needed. A full study (re-write) is done approximately every 20-25 years. David Armstrong requested this item be put on the next PWC Meeting for further discussion.

3. In September, MoDot awarded The City \$511,756.00 with a local match of 8.75%, to Bridge Replacement Fund for Bridge #0720003 located at 3rd St over Spring River Tributary. Agreement needs to be signed and at a future date bids will be accepted for construction. Right of Way and Environmental Studies will need to be conducted.

Chris Taylor made a motion to forward to Council for the contract to be signed and approved. All ayes motion carried.

4. Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. ("POAH") is requesting a Letter of Support from The City to submit an application to the Missouri Housing Development Commission ("MHDC") for Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Tax-Exempt Mortgage Financing for renovations to Highland Acres and Highland Meadows. These apartments provide affordable rent to Senior and Families. POAH wants to secure these funds to preserve and renovate these properties and extend affordability restrictions far into the future.

Robin Blair made a motion to forward to Council for a Resolution for Letter of Support. All ayes motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Zeb reported on the following:

- I-49 Roundabout is nearing time for accepting bids for construction. The City will be responsible if this goes over budget.
- We are 42 months into the Sidewalk Project on River St., and finally getting progress.
- New backhoe has arrived and the old backhoe has been transferred to the Parks Dept.
- Purchase of a new road grader will be put into next year's budget. A smaller road grader would be of more benefit to the Street Dept.
- The Ping Pong pad has been poured at the parking lot at 5th & Grant. Hoping to have it completed by Maple Leaf.
- The Public Works and Street Dept. employees will be having lunch with CWEP on Friday and everyone is working together great!
- Zeb expressed his appreciation for The City Council, and all of his Co-Workers.
- The Air Conditioning is still not working in Council Chambers. A new roof top unit is being installed by Midway Sheet Metal, for a cost of \$8,900.00.

Greg reported on the following:

- He is impressed with the progress of the sidewalk on The Square.

No further discussion by committee.

Chris Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.