

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2018

Chairman Bylut called to order the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee at 6:30 p.m. in the Palos Heights Administration Building, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

Present were Chairman Bylut, Alderman McGrogan, Alderman Fulkerson, Alderman Basso, Public Works Director Scott Smith, and Recording Secretary Pat Sheppard.

#### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bylut moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### Director's Report: Scott Smith

- Water Main Repairs. There had been four (4) breaks on Elm Court within one week due to a control problem with surging, and with Elm Court being a dead end, it caused stress. Some piping was replaced and a new hydrant was installed as well as a main line valve. Chairman Bylut stated that an Elm Court resident had come to the last City Council meeting and commended the Public Works crew on the great job they did on the repairs.
- Rt. 83/127<sup>th</sup> Street Watermain Project. The project did not go out for bid in August as projected. The delay was due to IDOT needing to obtain a right-of-way. Scott noted there was some potential that the City would have to cut a check to Alsip for half of the project's cost by the end of the year.

#### Manhole Rehabilitation Project

This project was completed. Kim Construction had done sealing inspection and waterproofing from the interior out in a lot of manholes. RJN was the engineering group on the project and had oversight. Scott requested approval of final payment to Kim Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,606.85.

Chairman Bylut moved to approve final payment to Kim Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$49,606.85 for work completed on the Manhole Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. **AGENDA**

#### 127<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Project

This project was also completed by Airy's Inc. and Morris Engineering signed off on it. Scott requested final payment be made in the amount of \$14,555.00.

Chairman Bylut moved to approve final payment to Airy's Inc. in the amount of \$14,555.00 for work completed on the 127<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Project, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. **AGENDA**

## **RJN Contract for Engineering Services**

Scott referred to the proposal from RJN Group to provide Professional Engineering Services for Smoke Testing and Manhole Inspection for compliance with MWRD mandates. He pointed out the two (2) lift station locations on a large manhole map where there was a source of rainwater inflow. RJN Group will evaluate the manholes to determine where the smoke testing would be done to find the defects/cracks in the pipes and improper/illegal hook-ups from homes. All residents in the testing area will be sent a letter explaining the smoke testing, and the Fire Department will be informed too. When the smoke testing is completed, RJN will prepare data analysis and a report on what areas the City needs to concentrate on and present it to this committee and staff. It was estimated to take almost a year to complete the project and the cost to provide these services was \$62,288.00. Scott said this was a budgeted item and recommended approval.

Chairman Bylut moved to accept the proposal from RJN Group to provide Professional Engineering Services for Smoke Testing and Manhole Inspection for compliance with MWRD in the amount of \$62,288.00, seconded by Alderman Basso. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. **AGENDA**

## **Equipment Purchases**

1. Ford F-450: Scott was interested in purchasing a utility truck with SPC (Suburban Purchasing Co-op) pricing at Currie Motors in Frankfort, IL. at a cost of \$48,550.00, noting that was a very good, competitive price (approximately \$8,000 discount). The purchase was budgeted for in the Water & Sewer Fund.

Alderman Fulkerson moved to approve the purchase of a Ford F-450 Utility Truck from Currie Motors with the SPC pricing of \$48,550.00, seconded by Chairman Bylut. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. **AGENDA**

2. New Water Van. Scott said he had been investigating the purchase of a truck similar to those used by FedEx and UPS since February, but both of the vendors who manufactured these had pulled out of the purchasing co-ops. For this reason, Scott said he was going to have to write specifications for what he is looking for and go out for bid. Scott was aware of one other person who had done this, but he was not willing to share the specs. Alderman Fulkerson suggested using Freedom of Information to obtain the specs. Scott explained this type of truck had an aluminum body and would have a generator, air compressor and lighting to take out on water main breaks. The cost of the ones he had been looking at through NJPA were about \$135,000.00.

Chairman Bylut moved to authorize Scott to prepare specifications and go out for bid for a new water van/truck in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.000, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. On a unanimous voice vote, the motion carried. **AGENDA**

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Alderman Fulkerson moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia M. Sheppard, Recording Secretary