



City of Palos Heights

Water and Sewer Committee

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bylut called the Water and Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Key, Alderman Begley, and Public Works Director Adam Jasinski. Alderman McGrogan was absent. A member of the community was also present as well as Recording Secretary Liz Gutierrez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bylut made a Motion to approve the minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee meeting held on April 27, 2021, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jasinski presented the following reports/considerations:

- Water main Breaks: year to date twelve water main breaks. A sanitary forcemain break occurred today, May 25, and Public Works crews were still working on the break at the time of the meeting as there was extensive work to be done. MWRD and Illinois IEPA we notified of the situation.
- 2021 Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Project Update - scheduled to begin June 14.
- Hydrant Maintenance - the original thought was that the hired summer help would paint the hydrants throughout the city that needed repainting. However, after further review of the condition of some hydrants in town, they require more maintenance than to only be repainted. It is the recommendation of Director Jasinski that the city follow what some of the surrounding communities are doing and hire a company that specialize in this type of work.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the hiring of Giant Maintenance and Restoration, Inc. to paint 200 fire hydrants throughout the city in the amount of \$16,600, seconded by Alderman Begley. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

- Request approval to award the 123rd Street Water main to Lindahl Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$117,667.60. Alderman Bylut stated that this was the lowest bid that was received.

Per the request of this committee during the last meeting, Director Jasinski provided the committee with a brief summary for any large expenditures.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve awarding the 123rd Street Water main to Lindahl Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$117,667.60, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

- Request approval to complete a sewer repair in front of 6601 W. 127th Street with Suburban General Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,385.

Director Jasinski stated he obtained two quotes to complete this work with Suburban being the lowest. Suburban General completed the work before in that area.

Alderman Key moved to approve to complete a sewer repair in front of 6601 W. 127th Street with Suburban General Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,385, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Director Jasinski sought approval for:

Payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services in the month of April, in the amount of \$5,507.50. Services included: MWRD Submittal Assistance, CCTV design and bid services and CIPP project assistance.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services in the month of April, in the amount of \$5,507.50. Services included: MWRD Submittal Assistance, CCTV design and bid services and CIPP project assistance, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **AGENDA**

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Bylut asked Director Jasinski to apprise the new members of the committee of some of the goals moving forward. Alderman Bylut explained the water main breaks are of particular concern, especially in the subdivisions. The issue is becoming more prevalent due to aging plumbing. Alderman Bylut, Director Jasinski and the Mayor have been discussing the possibility of repairing these issues in a comprehensive way.

Director Jasinski has kept a record and map of all water main breaks in the city since his date of hire. He is currently formulating a plan that would address how and where the city could start to repair the issues. Alderman Bylut discussed the financial implications of such a project and possible options. Director Jasinski explained there are possible grants that can be used for infrastructure, but grants for water and sewer can be more difficult because they are considered a utility. Director Jasinski further explained there are certain loans that the city can obtain at a low interest rate for utility projects.

Alderman Key suggested that a whole comprehensive plan be presented to the City Council as a whole, when the plan is ready to be shared. Alderman Bylut agreed and stated the committee should be the ones to help support this effort moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bylut moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary