



City of Palos Heights
Water and Sewer Committee
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bylut called the Water and Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Bylut, Alderman Key, Alderman McGrogan, Alderman Begley, Director of Public Works Adam Jasinski, and Recording Secretary Tayler Swiedals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bylut made a motion to approve the minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee meeting held on May 24, 2022 seconded by Alderman McGrogan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jasinski presented the following reports/considerations:

- **Water main breaks:** There have been 16 water main breaks year to date with 2 since the previous meeting. One break was on Cypress and 131st street, and the other was at 12524 Major Ave which was a small leak that was excavated and fixed without any issues.
- **127th and RT 83 Construction Update:** The City was scheduled to test a temporary water main connection between Alsip and Palos Heights to be installed last week. The project is currently delayed for roughly a month due to the strikes at the quarries. The asphalt and concrete plants are only receiving a limited amount of stone and are focusing on their own projects causing delays in IDOT construction. Public Works is focusing on landscaping and maintenance work because of the shortage and material delays. This works in our favor as residents are using more water during the hot months and a temporary connection would be more ideal later in the year. Alderman Bylut has received communication from residents on Westgate and Golfview inquiring when the construction would be finished. Director Jasinski informed the committee that all the driveways on Westgate have been restored, and those residents can use their driveways. Director Jasinski has been instructed to hold off on sending a letter to residents updating them on the construction because of the strike.
- Request approval for the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the City's Code, Section 50.06 Charges. Public Works is working with the Building Department reviewing the sewer permits and fees. Our code currently has a resident water and sewer tap-in fee for any new residential or commercial development. There is also a water meter fee for a water meter combined with a remote reader. This fee is for installation for both and are effective as of 2015. However, these

fees are not currently noted in the code. Director Jasinski is requesting these fees to be noted in the code. In addition, Director Jasinski is requesting for the water sewer permit fees to be noted in the code as \$115.00 or 1% of the construction cost. These fees are comparable with surrounding municipalities. Director Jasinski informed the committee the last time the fee was updated for a hydrant meter was in 1999. Currently, we require a \$600 rental deposit and the commercial non-resident fee for the water usage. This creates wear and tear on the water meters. Director Jasinski is requesting to approve a change from a minimum of a \$50 to \$100 fee to rent a meter. Finally, he requests inspection fees to be included in the code.

Alderman Bylut motioned to approve the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending the City's Code, Section 50.06 Charges, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. **--AGENDA**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Director Jasinski sought approval for the following:

- Request payment approval for professional services for On-Call Engineering Services in the month of April with Strand Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$694.05. This was used to evaluate different lining options for the City.

Alderman McGrogan motioned to approve payment for professional services for On-Call Engineering Services in the month of April with Strand Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$694.05, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. **--AGENDA**

- Request payment approval for professional services for the College Drive 16-inch Water Main CIP Engineering in the month of May with Strand Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,206.18. They are currently lining the water main on Route 83 between Austin Avenue and Melvina.

Chairman Bylut motioned to approve payment for professional services for the College Drive 16-inch Water Main CIP Engineering in the month of May with Strand Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,206.18, seconded by Alderman Begley. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. **--AGENDA**

- Request approval for professional services for the 2MG Water Reservoir Reconditioning with LAN, Inc. in the amount of \$20,414.15. The bid documents and drawings are at the hospital where their engineering staff is reviewing them. Pending no changes, Director Jasinski will bring the bid package to the next committee meeting to request to go out to bid.

Alderman McGrogan motioned to approve professional services for the 2MG Water Reservoir Reconditioning with LAN, Inc. in the amount of \$20,414.15, seconded by Chairman Bylut. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. **--AGENDA**

OLD BUSINESS

None

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 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Swiedals, Recording Secretary