



City of Palos Heights

Water and Sewer Committee

Tuesday August 24, 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 Bylut, Alderman Key, and Alderman Begley. Alderman McGrogan was absent. Public Works Director Adam Jasinski and City Administrator David Strohl were also in attendance. Recording Secretary Liz Gutierrez was present as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bylut made a Motion to approve the minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee meeting held on July 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 there have been 16 water main breaks. The most recent being August 1st at Lake Katherine, August 11th on McCarthy Road near Palos East Elementary School and August 17th at approximately 7921 Lakeview Ct in Oak Hills.
- Request approval for partial payment to Sewertech LLC for the 2021 Clean and CCTV program in the amount of \$44,483.31.

This is a partial payment at this time. Sewertech still will be out to clean and televise the Palos Gardens area.

Alderman Bylut made a motion to approve a partial payment to Sewertech LLC for the 2021 Clean and CCTV program in the amount of \$44,483.31, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. AGENDA

- Request approval for partial payment to Lindahl Brothers for the 123rd Street Water Main Project in the amount of \$37,920.99.

This pipe that this project is connecting to is encased in concrete. The project is currently being redesigned to make the connection between the clock at the Fire Department and the street lights. An easement approval might be necessary for this committee to approve in the future to allow this connection to be made.

Alderman Key made a motion to approve a partial payment to Lindahl Brothers for the 123rd Street Water Main Project in the amount of \$37,920.99, seconded by Alderman Bylut . On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. AGENDA

- Request approval for the final payment to Giant Maintenance and Restoration for painting 203 hydrants in the amount of \$16,849.00.

There were three more hydrants added to the original 200 hydrants. Director Jasinski reported that the job has been completed.

Alderman Bylut made a motion to approve for the final payment to Giant Maintenance and Restoration for painting 203 hydrants in the amount of \$16,849.00, seconded by Alderman Begley. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. AGENDA.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Director Jasinski sought approval for:

- Request approval to complete the USEPA mandated Emergency Response Plan with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$8,200.

Director Jasinski reported that this is Phase 2 of what Srtand has already completed. They have already completed the risk resiliency assessment which is also required by the USEPA. This next phase will determine how and what items in the report need to be addressed. There were no major hazards per the report.

Alderman Begley made a motion to approve to complete the USEPA mandated Emergency Response Plan with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$8,200, seconded by Alderman Bylut. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. AGENDA

- Request approval to complete the water main assessment and water system CIP Development with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$41,500.

Director Jasinski reached out to several other engineering companies (Morris and LAN) but they do not have the experience or resources that Strand has for this type of project. Strand has worked with surrounding suburbs, including Orland Park and Romeoville. They will look at the age of the City's system and where water main breaks occur and put together a systematic plan of replacing the City's assets and what it will cost. This will hopefully be done by December 2021, then this will be able to be put in the budget for the following year and potentially the year after.

Alderman Bylut made a motion to approve to complete the water main assessment and water system CIP Development with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$41,500, seconded by Alderman Key. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Director Jasinski updated the committee about a preconstruction meeting he was invited to in about 3 weeks. This project will be putting in a new meter extension and water main that is

coming from Alsip to Palos Heights underneath the creek at 127th Street and Route 83. The City of Palos Heights will be responsible for \$700,000 of the cost.

- Additionally, Director Jasinski stated that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would like to limit the allotment of water that can be purchased from Lake Michigan for all the municipalities in the Lake Michigan water source area. They have reduced the allotment for all areas. Director Jasinski has sent a letter challenging this and has asked for a graduated reduction of water.
- Alderman Bylut stated that according to the Mayor, the City would be receiving \$1.7 million dollars from COVID relief funds. The Mayor suggested that this money be possibly utilized to accelerate the infrastructure program discussed earlier in the year. It will be something the committee can talk in detail about in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bylut moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Gutierrez, Recording Secretary