

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Brownfield at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alderperson John Blundy, Alderperson Mike Brownfield, and Alderperson Dave Dingledine

**Also Present:** City Engineer Dennis Carr, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, Alderperson Kevin Schone, City Attorney Derek Schryer, City Administrator Jim Snider, Alderperson Lili Stevens

1. **Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:** None

2. **Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2023, Public Works Committee Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Ald. Dingledine, seconded by Ald. Blundy. Motion approved.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. PRESSURE PAVING DISCUSSION**

Staff budgeted \$250,000 for a pavement maintenance project. The maintenance itself was still being discussed at the staff level when Donelson Construction Company reached out to discuss taking another chance completing pressure paving, though this time on a road that can handle their heavy truck traffic. The Shellbark project was not as successful as desired due to the structural capacity of the road not being able to support a fully loaded tandem truck. Donelson is doing a large project in Bloomington and due to that, let staff know that the mobilization cost would not be included. They would like to give a true representation of their product. While Donelson would normally mobilize for less than \$500,000, they would make an exception because of the work in Bloomington.

Staff has identified two options for such a project. Option 1 would be to complete two roadways—Santa Fe and Jagens Way—that will be included in the FY 24-25 MFT project as Hot In-Place recycling candidates and could be done for less than \$250,000. Pressure paving them this year removes them from next year's program, which can then be expanded to include a few more roads. Option 2 would be to pressure pave Devonshire and N. Wilshire instead of Hot In-Place recycling in the FY 23-24 MFT project. Additionally, Comfort, Easy, and Breeze would be pressure paved. By removing Devonshire and N. Wilshire, Westgate can be Hot In-Place recycled. By removing the chip seal from Devonshire and N. Wilshire, Belford, Dorchester, Wellington, Fountaindale, and Stonehenge can be added to the chip seal list for this year. The quantity changes should stay within IDOT's tolerance.

Option 1 is the easiest and most straightforward option, as it leaves this year's MFT project alone. The conditions of Jagens and Santa Fe are worse than Comfort and Easy. However, Option 2 puts pressure pave on multiple roads that see varying traffic under varying traffic conditions. Option 2 would give staff the best look at the product and where its sweet spot might be in the future. Staff recommends approving Donelson to mobilize and perform up to \$250,000 in pressure paving work. Staff would also recommend Option 2 if UCM and Advanced Asphalt Recycling are willing to swap roads in the MFT project. If UCM and Advanced are unwilling to adjust the 2023 MFT project, then staff would recommend Option 1.

*Comments: Ald. Dingledine said that it was too bad that what we tried before did not work. He asked if Devonshire and N. Wilshire are old enough for this product. Staff said that there would not be an issue with those roads. The issue with Shellbark was that it is a cul-de-sac and requires trucks to continually back in and out. Ald. Blundy agreed with Option 2. Staff said that the time of the year and how wet it was with Shellbark also impacted that project. Ald. Dingledine motioned, seconded by Ald. Blundy to recommend approval of Option. It is on tonight's Council agenda for further discussion. Motion approved.*

**B. JENNIFER LANE SEWER MAIN EXTENSION CONSIDERATION FOLLOW-UP**

The owner of a five-unit apartment building at 1106 Jennifer Lane, Jake Schick of Schick Holdings, LLC, has expressed interest in adding more rental units to the property. Jennifer is a private street that only provides access to

this property. The property is currently on a septic system. Adding more units with a minimum of two bedrooms to that system would be cost prohibitive and he has asked about potentially extending the City's sanitary sewer main to the property.

Staff received direction from the Committee on March on the consideration of the extension of the City's sewer main on Oakwood, S. Main, and Guth. Staff sent letters to each of the adjacent property owners to gauge their interest in a possible sewer connection. Responses were received from 10 of the owners. Each of them declined interest, either because of a recent septic installation or not wanting to connect to the City's main. With no interest in other connections, staff feels that it would not appear to make economic sense for the City's involvement with such a project at the present time.

***Comments: The Committee agreed with the staff recommendation. The City will not financially participate in the extension of a sewer main to service these properties at the present time.***

**C. BID AWARD – FREEDOM PARKWAY**

Staff solicited bids for the extension of Freedom Parkway from its existing termini east of Walmart to N. Cummings Lane. A bid opening took place on April 28 with three bids submitted. United Contractor's Midwest had the low bid of \$6,595,004.75. The engineer's estimate was \$8,200,838.05. The FY 23-24 budget includes \$4.5 million in the Water/Sewer/Capital Fund accounts with the remainder to be budgeted in FY 24-25. Staff recommends the approval of a contract award to UCM.

***Comments: Ald. Dingledine said he could not believe that the bids were that low. Staff responded that it is reflective of the current bidding climate and the interest in the project. Ald. Dingledine motioned, second by Ald. Blundy to bring this to tonight's Council meeting. Motion approved.***

**D. WWTP GENERATOR DESIGN ENGINEERING**

Staff budgeted \$275,000 for a new generator and transfer switch for Sewer Treatment Plant #2. Staff has identified the installation location, but staff needs assistance in designing the generator pad, wiring plans, transfer switch cutover, and old generator removal. The generator will need to be integrated into the City's SCADA, which will require additional wiring and integration assistance both in the pad as well as through the wastewater office building. Staff reached out to Strand, Concentrics (Baxter & Woodman), and CMT to discuss the project. Strand and Concentrics discussed pricing close to \$50,000, with Strand taking nearly 12 months to turn around plans. CMT felt they could deliver a set of plans for \$30,000 in two months.

Of the budgeted amount, \$195,000 was estimated for the generator and the remaining \$80,000 split between the engineering and construction. Due to the timetables provided by the consultants, staff recommends moving the STP #2 generator engineering services agreement with CMT to tonight's Council meeting for approval.

***Comments: Staff didn't think the project would be as in-depth as what it has turned out to be. Ald. Dingledine motioned, second by Ald. Blundy for a recommendation of approval of an agreement with CMT. Motion approved.***

**STAFF UPDATES:**

- Spring hydrant flushing and hydrant valve turning is complete. Painting of the hydrants will be completed soon.
- The City's landscaping of the Square and entrance signs will begin soon with the start of the fiscal year.
- Ald. Blundy asked about whether some markers will be removed from some fire hydrants. Staff responded that they would take a look at them.
- IDOT will take 4-6 weeks for the approval of the Freedom plans.
- IDOT has offered a few comments on the Nofsinger plans. The project is on track for an August letting.
- Staff is waiting on Ameren to relocate a few utility poles as part of the Hilldale project.
- The Felkers ditch grading project will likely start on May 2.
- The Square sanitary sewer project has fallen behind but should largely be completed by the end of the week.

- The stormwater project designs are mostly complete. A letter was received from the 1360 W. Cruger owner, who has indicated that she won't assist in allowing for drainage improvements that could benefit downstream properties.
- Staff has been talking with the Park District about the Washington Park berm/detention pond. The berm would reduce flooding impacts along the channel to Monroe and would also allow for the Jackson Street pedestrian bridge to be replaced with a standard round culvert that staff could install.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Ald. Dingledine seconded by Ald. Blundy. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.