

**Minutes
PW Committee
August 3, 2015
6:00 PM
3rd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson, Committee members Bob Cook and Dale Black. City Administrator Trey Eubanks was also present. PW Director Mike Lambert was out of town.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Goodson
2. Public Comment
3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the June 4th minutes with Councilman Black seconding The vote was unanimous (3-0). Councilman Black made a motion to approve the July 6th minutes with Councilman Cook seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0)
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget report- The budgets look good so far.
5. Unfinished business.
 - a. Limb collection- Chairman Goodson said that one truck goes to one side of town and the other goes to the other side of town. Chairman Goodson asked about the GPS units. The GPS company is out of business. We do still have the units. Pinpoint GPS is the vendor. We are going to double check to see if the company is still in business. Chairman Goodson said we could put GPS on the one-armed bandits to find out where it is going. Councilman Cook asked if it were better to put it on a trash truck since they are out every day to find where the limbs are. Trey said we have gotten more detailed on where the vehicles go. We also have put some people on overtime to keep up with storm debris and things like that. If a citizen calls in and says it has been two weeks since my limbs were picked up and we can say yes, it has been, but we will be there tomorrow or no, it has been five days, but we will be back on your street around this time. Chairman Goodson said he does want the accountability and thinks the GPS units are a good idea. Councilman Black said he thinks an inmate should be on the boom trucks with a broom to pick up the debris that the machine leaves.

- b. Sewer staffing- Interviews are scheduled for this week for the Sewer Supervisor. We do have some candidates to serve on the sewer crews and should be hiring some people soon. We will have six people in the department dedicated to sewer. Two for the camera, two laborers, one Supervisor and Jim in the office. Councilman Black said the budget shows 8 people in the sewer department. Trey said he would get the position breakdown. It is the same detailed information that we have had throughout the budget workshops. Chairman Goodson said that we are supposed to have six salaries coming out of that budget.
- c. Springfield Park improvements- No bids were received for Springfield Park work. We are considering a different strategy. \$66,500 will be for Arbor Engineering to provide survey, civil engineers and permit, landscape services, construction assistance for Springfield Park. Chairman Goodson asked about the time frame. Trey said he doesn't think anything will be done by football season. It is feasible that it will be started after the first of the year and completed by football 2016. Councilman Black asked if this was advertised. He asked if we need to bid this out. Trey said we do not have to bid engineering service. Councilman Black said he has a hard time paying \$66,000 for engineering services. He thinks we can do a lot of this ourselves. Trey said this is another way to do this project. Any contractor could bid on any part of the project. This is the way the cultural center was done. We will take the best bid for each component. Chairman Goodson agreed with Mr. Cook that this could be bid piecemeal. Councilman Cook said he would like to get the fence bid out.

A lot of fence can be put up for \$66,000 and at least something could get done. Trey said we had fencing contractors give us cost estimates. Trey said we could reach out again to some contractors to see if they want to do parts. We got no bids on anything the first time.

Councilman Black made a motion to bid the project out piecemeal. Councilman Black asked if there was an architect in the City that could do plans for the restrooms or other parts of the project. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

6. New business.

7. Public Comment- Leo Joyce asked if we could go to one of the colleges to ask for some plans. Trey said there were bright folks in Columbia. Councilman Black said we could ask Greenville Tech. We may have some architects on one of our boards that we could talk to. Councilman Merritt said he pulled the RFP and it was junk. If the PW and Rec committees put some people on this, they could call some fencing companies and get this done. Chairman Goodson said we also need to look at positional lighting so that the area to the bathrooms is lit well.

8. Committee concerns.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

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