

**Minutes  
PW Committee  
July 6, 2015  
6:00 PM  
1st committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson and Council member Dale Black. Councilman Cook was not present. Mike Lambert, PW Director and Assistant City Administrator Russell Sapp were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Chairman Goodson
2. Public Comment- Leo Joyce complimented the fire, police, and public works departments on their response to a car accident at Old Bridges Road last week.

A resident from 217 Springdale Drive came to the meeting and said he had a video of how the water runs when it rains ever since an enclave was put in near his house. They resurfaced the road at Old Bridges and that was when it started. Since they deadheaded it at Old Bridges Road, they get a lot of water at Springdale. Water comes through during storms. He said maybe a pipe needs to be reattached. The committee watched a little bit of the video he brought.

Tommy Shaluelly cut down a tree this weekend and stacked it up next to a dogwood. A cherry picker came along and picked up part of it and then put the other part on the brush pile. He called three times before someone picked up the phone. He said his problem is compounded and we are making more work for ourselves. The address is 961 Fargo Street.

3. Reading and approval of minutes- The special called session minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup> was not sent out. They will be approved next month. The June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes were approved by a motion by Councilman Black and a second by Chairman Goodson. The vote was unanimous (2-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
  - a. Budget report- All four divisions are tracking well. Councilman Black asked about the \$50,000 for the sewer rehabilitation. Nothing has been taken out of the line item except for interest on the bond. Mike Lambert said the rehab project behind the Coca-Cola plant was finished in June.

Councilman Black said he would like some information on that. Under Building Maintenance, there were some flag purchases. He asked why they were put in that account. Mike said he would look into it and let him know. 25 new flags were bought for the power poles, but he is not sure if that is it or not.

5. Unfinished business.

- a. City Center and Recreation facility lighting- Chairman Goodson said that both he and Councilman Merritt have been out to look at the lighting of the sports center, though not together. The lights that were put on the building are not sufficient enough to light the parking lot. Councilman Black said he wants this taken care of for the employees' safety. Chairman Goodson said it looks like a pole needs to be installed. Councilman Merritt had some pictures from about 4:30 a.m. The parking lot is not lit like it should be. Councilman Merritt also had an independent contractor come out and look at it. Chairman Goodson said he would send this to Trey to have him take care of it. Councilman Black said Trey has the authority to take care of this without council approval. Councilman Black made a motion to have Trey address this as soon as possible. Chairman Goodson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (2-0).
  
- b. Sewer agreement- Councilman Black said the agreement does not include what the city attorney sent out and he does not want to make a decision until the attorney's document is sent. Exhibit 1 and 2 are referenced, but a copy is not available. No action was taken on this item. Councilman Black made a motion to table this item. Chairman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (2-0).

6. New business.

- a. Sewer bond project- The sewer bond was advertised and a pre-bid conference was held June 24<sup>th</sup> by Frazier Engineering. The bids are due

July 9<sup>th</sup>. A recommendation will be presented by the June 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting. This is for information only.

b. RFP for Springfield Park improvements- The RFPs were sent to the contractors that have business licenses plus advertised. A handful of inquiries were received regarding the different phases. No proposals were received by the City. They were due June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have to make a decision on what to do next. Chairman Goodson said the lack of bidding may have been because different companies were interested in different phases, but did not want to bid the entire project. Mike said he would look into that and report back to committee. Chairman Goodson said it may need to be bid individually. Councilman Black said he would like to start with the fencing portion and send that out, then bid for concessions, parking lot, and so on. Councilman Black said the Recreation committee also needs to be involved in the process. No action was taken.

c. Construction debris and limb and grass collection- Mike reported that he collected some information on what is available from Greenville County and what we do currently. Construction debris is not allowed to be collected currently by ordinance. Chairman Goodson said he would like to have a dumpster for disposal of debris that the homeowner collects after a do-it-yourself job. Councilman Black said he agreed but we would have to secure it so people don't come in from other areas and dump their materials here. Councilman Black said maybe if someone does a job themselves, we could check the paperwork and then pick up their debris. Chief Sapp said we might be able to contract a company that could provide a dumpster for the construction debris. That company could do the hauling off of the debris. Councilman Black said we need to get some options together and let council decide what we should do.

Mike said we pick up incidental construction material. If someone puts in a window, we will pick up the old one. We do pick up small amounts. The landfill will not take large amounts of construction debris.

Chairman Goodson said he has gotten a lot of complaints regarding limb collection and grass clippings. He asked if we have a regular route. Mike said the drivers are instructed that we can pick up 4 cubic yards, but we can be loose with that number. Limbs must be under six feet long and six inches wide. Two limb trucks run every day on each side of the City. It takes 7-10 days to get around the City. If we get very behind because of weather or other situations, we put extra man power and run longer hours to get caught up. The trucks run by subdivision and continue working around. Chairman Goodson asked which trucks these are. Mike said they have a knuckle boom. The trailer pull-behind is a spare. The main trucks are one piece.

Councilman Black asked about storm drains. Mike said some citizens put limbs on top of the concrete and sometimes it gets washed away into the drain. Councilman Black said we could get more inmates to clean up what falls off the truck or the boom. They could rake and clean up the streets right then. Mike said we normally like to get between 15-20 inmates. We have been getting about 12 lately. The prison controls the number of inmates we get per day. Chairman Goodson said some complaints he was getting is that half would be picked up one day and then maybe the other half picked up the next day. Mike said he is not aware of a problem like that. If it was a large amount, he would think it may be picked up a week apart. Every limb and bag truck driver writes a list of each street they were on every day. That information is put in an excel spreadsheet. Mike said he could look at a set date limb schedule if council would like. Chairman Goodson said he doesn't think we need to do that, but he is getting complaints. Councilman Black said he has gotten complaints that bags of grass clippings sit there and PW passes them by.

Chairman Goodson asked how bag collection works. Mike said it is collected with a separate garbage truck because it has to be taken to a separate landfill. One truck is earmarked just for grass clippings and it operates every day. The truck could not run today, however, because of a double trash route since Friday was a holiday. Chairman Goodson asked what the white pickup truck was that rides around. Mike said all of our trucks are white pickups. There is a truck that rides around to pick up electronics.

## 7. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: The landfill has specific spots for different things. If you put a dumpster... who is going to tell them what to put in it?

Chairman Goodson: That would have to be public works. Our goal is to keep stuff from sitting out there for three weeks.

Contractor: You have used a method for split contractors on the RFP.

Contractors need to give you quotes on that work. I would be glad to help develop the RFP because the one that was sent out was confusing and did not have enough information. There were no specs. We had several people call the office with questions. The Bethel/Bridges Road sewer agreement has been here since April. That is April, May, June and July. I talked to an attorney and he said this is good. If I bring this back to you could it come before council this month?

Chairman Goodson: We asked about the exhibits 1 and 2 and Attorney Wyatt has not forwarded it to us.

Contractor: If that is what you need, I can get it. If that is not done, the Planning Commission will table it and it will be tabled again. I assume I have permission to push it along.

Chairman Goodson: Get with Trey and have the exhibits sent to the City Attorney.

Councilman Merritt: I am getting to the age where I am a creature of habit. Up until a week and a half ago, I cut my grass and bagged my grass clippings on Wednesday. Thursday morning, my trash and recycling was picked up, and either Thursday or Friday my grass clippings were picked up along with any limbs I may have out there. There doesn't appear to be a cycle anymore. For the last year, I have taken the liberty of writing the date I set it out on the street. I sent these pictures to the City Administrator. I liked the cycle. Everything was picked up by Friday and if I was entertaining over the weekend, my yard looked good. Two weeks ago, my bags were sitting out and they will sit out for another week or two. This has started happening the last year or year and a half. I will continue sending pictures. I don't like it. I live on Fairfield Drive.

Ray Atchinson: The fencing at Springfield Park, are you talking about the interior

fencing or the perimeter fencing?

Chairman Goodson: There is a perimeter fence along the tree line. I don't know about that. But now it has to be rebid, so we can include it.

8. Committee concerns.

Councilman Black asked about the status of the GIS pinpoints. Mike said they were not operational when he arrived here. Mike tried to work to get them operational, but the company is out of business. Councilman Black asked where the units are. Mike said some of them are in his office. Councilman Black said the idea was to put them on the trucks. If they saw something on the side of the road, they could go back and get it. They were about \$400 a piece. Several cities had them and liked them. Councilman Black said they were bought somewhere around Clemson. He said maybe Pinpoint GIS. Councilman Black would like to see them put back in service. The company still has a website. Chairman Goodson said they could be used for the limb pickup. Councilman Black said if it is a battery problem, he thinks they could also be run off of a car battery. They worked well when we used them.

Councilman Black said a veteran friend of his came in and appreciated the flags that have been put up. But, when Councilman Black came back in town, he counted thirty poles that had brackets between his neighborhood and city hall that were empty with no flags. He doesn't think that flags are expensive and we need to have flags in each bracket. It will make a difference in the appearance of the City.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk

**NOTICE:** A majority or quorum of City Council may attend a committee meeting