

**Minutes
PW Committee
October 5, 2015
6:00 PM
3rd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson and Committee member Dale Black. Committee member Bob Cook was out on medical leave. PW Director Mike Lambert and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Goodson

2. Public Comment

Taft Matney: 712 Knollwood Drive. I received a Facebook message this afternoon. I wanted to read it to you. "Just wanted to pass my appreciation along for all the folks who cleaned up the gulleys to make us ready for the rain. The preparation that has gone into making us safer before the storm is just as important as the emergency crews. Good job Public Works." I wanted to pass that along to Mike and his folks.

3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Black made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairman Goodson seconding. The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or communications from city officers

Mike Lambert reported that shifts were covered from Friday through Sunday night for the storm. There was not one storm water issue. Crews had cleaned debris in anticipation of the storm. The creeks did not flood at Libby Lane. There were nine trees that fell across the roads, and the police and fire departments were there before PW helping citizens. There was a good partnership between all parties. A high volume of limbs are going to be brought to the street. Mike recommended that council allow PW to relax the ordinance to pick up more debris. Committee said they would like to do whatever we need to do to pick up the debris and help the citizens through the storm. 130 man hours were involved during the event.

Monthly sewer status reports will begin in November. One point repair has been done in house already.

- a. Budget report- The budgets are all tracking well above the recommended amount.
- b. GPS unit report- Mike had Laura run a report for the last five weeks on the limb truck. The yellow highlight means there was an issue with the pickup such as limbs being too long. 3 old units are being used right now. A map is generated on where the truck went that day. Other vendors and options are being looked at. Mike has a meeting with a vendor tomorrow and he is also looking at another company. Councilman Black said we could look at smart phones to see if there is an app that can be incorporated. Mike says he knows there is an app that could go on a supervisor's phone.

Mr. James Porter sent a note thanking the Public Works for the project that was done above his home at 217 Springvale Drive. He brought photos of his concern on draining. PW was responsive and the debris is gone and the ditch opened up.

5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.

- a. Sewer agreement- lift station

Jay Martin from Arbor Engineering was present. Jay said they were asked to look at gravity sewer onsite. There are three property owners involved. There are two other owners that are affected. There is a force main line that runs through there. Cost-wise, most of the costs would be in property acquisition and is estimated at about \$25,000 each. The line would cost about \$52,000. This is much cheaper than a force main. The downfall would be getting access. The downhill neighbors are not willing to participate. The other thing that is needed is that Metropolitan would accept flow from this property. Arbor did receive an email from Metro saying they would accept this into their system.

The other question pertained to the city's assurances to receive revenue associated with the cost of the lift station. The mid will be set up by parcel, but there is some risk. The people will be paying \$408.00 a year on their property taxes. Councilman Black asked if the property

owners had been approached by the new developer. Jay said that the new developer has not approached them- the previous developer was told they would not agree to this in a hundred years. Councilman Black said how do we know 100 years has not changed? They need to be asked again.

Chairman Goodson asked if there was a price for the lift station. Jay said he does not have that with him, but he could get back to him with that information. Chairman Goodson said we could ask the consultant who is maintaining our current lift stations. Chairman Goodson did say the consultant mentioned it is unusual to have a lift station for only 44 homes and that a lot of municipalities won't allow that small an amount of homes. Usually there are at least 80 homes before a lift station is involved. They said that the price for the lift station is \$270,000. The gravity line would be \$127,000. Jay said he doesn't think the gravity line is feasible because of a problem with access to the properties.

Chairman Goodson asked how long it would take to contact the property owners. Jay Martin said he did not know. Councilman Black said he doesn't want to make the city liable for a lift station when we do not know if this development is going to succeed. The funding would go into an escrow account. Councilman Black asked about an escrow on top of the mid in case only a few of the 44 houses are built. They said the developer would pay the mid on the houses that are not developed. Jay said the owner of the property is responsible for that.

Chairman Goodson asked Jay Martin to check with the property owners again regarding property acquisition for the gravity line. Councilman Black said he cannot make a decision until the options are exhausted. They said Jay could start contacting property owners now and see what he can find out by the council meeting. Councilman Black said this item could be sent back to committee if council is not ready to take action.

Councilman Black made a motion to send this to council anticipating information from Arbor Engineering. Chairman Goodson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (2-0).

Councilman Merritt said he knows these people are not in the City, but we should serve as a resource for the development since this gravity feed would be a win-win. This property will come in the City eventually. Trey said he would reach out to Jay in the morning on that.

7. Public Comment

Mayor Raines said he monitored the radio all weekend and PW, Fire and Police did a great job during the flood event.

Leo Joyce: There is a new owner in the first house on Bridges and Bethel. From what you are saying, the other guy has already had a problem with some stuff being pumped into his house. A lot of replacements had to be done.

8. Committee concerns.

Councilman Black asked about Leo's road. Trey said he talked to Terry Bragg and he thinks there may have been a bad mix. This may be added to next year's list. Mr. Bragg is tracking this down to find out when it was resurfaced and what contractor did the work.

Councilman Black asked Mike about reflectors and signs. Mike said there are reflectors that have been ordered by the Police Chief. Councilman Black said people don't know at the triangle, that goes both ways in his neighborhood.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk