

**Minutes
PW Committee
February 1, 2016
6:00 PM
1st committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson, Committee members Dale Black and Scott Crosby. City Administrator Trey Eubanks was also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Goodson
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes- January 6, 2016 special called; January 4, 2016

Councilman Black made a motion to approve the January 4th and January 6th minutes with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget report- Trey reported the budgets are in good shape. Building Maintenance liability insurance is way over, but that may be a posting error. Holly said there is a refund that comes later in the year, so that may bring it back in line, but she can't say for sure. The refunds come in June-July. Two leaf trucks came in last month and they look good. They will serve our citizens well next leaf season.

107 hours of overtime were put in by 9 public works employees during the snow and ice. Seven trees were felled and six accidents occurred. There was a great team effort.

Sewer basins one and two work is complete. They have been cleaned, inspected, and smoke tested. There were over 12 manhole repairs made in house. Basin 10 is being worked on right now in house.

The parks maintenance crew is prepping the fields getting ready for spring sports.

Bethel Creek update- we have sent out our codes enforcement officers. This is a bad problem that is not getting better. The officer spoke with Mr.

Taylor today. He will not let our officer on his property because he thinks there is a beaver dam causing the flooding. Mr. Taylor is going to take a look and then meet our codes enforcement officer tomorrow with his findings.

Chairman Goodson and several council members participated Friday in a special called council meeting during which time a couple of candidates were interviewed. Both candidates can do the job. They will be brought in a week from this Friday to interview on site.

Chairman Goodson said they both interviewed better than they sounded on paper. They are familiar with our software and other aspects of our job.

Chairman Goodson asked if the people who don't come in to work when it is snowing get paid. They said they could take a day and get paid. Those who do work get an extra day off.

Councilman Black asked if Mr. Taylor finds out it is a beaver dam, what can we do? They said we have been cautioned by the city attorney since the property that is causing the problem is outside the city limits. We don't have jurisdiction of the creek. We will do what we can. Chairman Goodson asked what house was behind there. Councilman Merritt said there is a ReWa right of way. One side backs up to the dam. Greenville County destroyed some of the dam, but not all of it. Trey Eubanks said the US Army Corps of Engineers has authority. Councilman Black said there should be something someone can do. This has gone on too long. The rain almost comes up over the road. Mr. Laemmel has been patient. Councilman Merritt said we can't discharge a firearm in the city. Councilman Black said it is the county.

Leo Joyce asked if insurance companies have anything to do with local property. Chairman Goodson said he can't speak on that. They said he could inform Mr. Laemmel to check with his insurance company.

Councilman Black said it is a known problem that has not been addressee. Does the insurance want to pay for litigation?

5. Unfinished business.

- a. Bethel and Bridges Road sewer- Attorney Bannister has followed up with the property owners. Chairman Goodson said he thinks that all means have been exhausted. Mr. Bannister will send a letter to us stating that. JD Martin said three ways to do the gravity line were explained to the property owners and no one would agree to it. A sewer lift station will be the only option left. The rights of way are a dead issue. Gene McCall from the Clearwater Group was part of the meetings that have been held on the sewer lift station. He maintains our other lift stations. His comments have been incorporated into the design of this new one. There will be a charge on the residents' county taxes for the station.

Councilman Black said he thought there was a question some time about elevation and infiltration. JD said there will be no infiltration. Councilman Black said there needs to be money put in escrow to help pay for the sewer lift station. The developer will pay until the houses sell.

Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this to council. There will be a statement from Mr. Bannister tomorrow. Chairman Goodson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0). Councilman Black made a statement that all other options have been exhausted and a sewer lift station is the last thing to do.

Councilman Crosby said if in the future we can get a right of way, could we replace the lift with a gravity feed? JD said absolutely.

6. New business.

7. Public Comment- Rollie Hyust said since there are beavers involved, we may want to contact SCDNR.

8. Committee concerns.- Councilman Black said there is a brush pile blocking part of Brookbend Road in front of 107 and 112. It is hard to see and there could possibly a wreck.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

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