

**Minutes
PW Committee
January 4, 2016
6:00 PM
2nd 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
3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Black made a motion to accept the November 9th and special called December 10th minutes. Chairman Goodson seconded and the vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget report- All the budgets look good. Some capital equipment has not hit yet, but things are going well in all departments.
 - b. Sewer Project Report – Frazier Engineering
Aaron Frazier was present to talk about the sewer bond project. IPR Southeast is the low bid contractor. The work will be completed by September 21, 2017. The project is well ahead of schedule and should not take two years. The contract amount is \$2,576,000. \$331,000 is the amount of the invoice that was submitted for December.

The next item is tv inspection work. This work has to be done first to see what needs to be done. To date, basin 3,4,5 are done and half of basin 6 is done. Frazier Engineering has looked at basin 3 and it is prioritized for rehab. Priority one work is being done now. That is \$500,000 worth of work. Chairman Goodson said this is included in the bid, and there is no more bidding that needs to be done. Basin 4 will probably have about \$600,000 worth of work. Basin 5 numbers should be known within the next two weeks. The pipe is being re-lined instead of dug up, which saves a lot of money. 6400 feet has been done so far. Excavation work started in December. Some parts of the sewer have to be dug.

Manhole rehabilitation will be done last. Some of the work is being done in-house. Councilman Black asked when the last flow meter reading has been done. Aaron said October was a heavy rainfall month and so we can't tell if the flow is better. Another will be done after January. Councilman Black said he would like a report on that to see how much the I&I is being reduced. Chairman Goodson asked if the flow meters being checked every month would be an additional charge. Aaron said because they are ReWa's meters, they pay for that.

Councilman Crosby asked if there was any part of the manhole rehabilitation that city crews cannot do. Aaron said the city can frame covers and pick them up and put them back, but there are some things

the contractor has to do. There is a special cement coating that needs to be sprayed, and the city is not set up to do that.

5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
 - a. Forrester Woods storm water drainage- This is to acquire some options for storm drainage on Royal Oak Road and Crepe Myrtle Court. The metal piping is dilapidated. The recommendation is to authorize a bid for an engineering study in the amount of \$12,500.

Chairman Goodson said we have had complaints in other areas as well and he is concerned about possibly having to budget yearly for drainage rehab. This engineering study can be used as a starting point.

Councilman Black said we have to be careful on private property.

Councilman Crosby said he agrees with the need for the study.

Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this to full council.

Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Sewer capacity - Corn/Miller- On December 10th, the committee wanted agreements with Metro and a capacity analysis for the development as there are other commercial properties upstream. We should have the capacity analysis one day this week, and we do have the Metro agreements.

Chairman Goodson said moving forward when we are talking about annexations, he wants to have a completed packet so that an informed decision can be made. It would not be good if we were going to annex a property, then we find out we don't have ample sewer capacity to accommodate the development. This item is for information only.

Councilman Crosby asked about water. Do we have to ask Greenville Water if they have the capacity. Trey said the developer has to do a report to get all of the numbers- water, sewer and other amenities.

Councilman Crosby said he likes the idea of a checklist so council can see

that everything has been done and is available for annexation. Chairman Goodson asked Van Broad if he would help with that since he has experience with developers.

- c. Construction Debris collection- We don't currently pick up construction debris. A gentleman at Waste Management has some ideas to help us. Chairman Goodson would like to meet with him and Trey to talk about the city either picking it up for a fee or having a drop site. This will help so that debris doesn't sit out for weeks in front of someone's house.

This item was for information only.

7. Public Comment-

Resident: It is my understanding that on the drainage item, this will go to council and you will say yea or nay on the engineering study. Is that correct? OK.
Thank you.

Councilman Merritt: Forrester Woods has been in the City for a long time and paid a lot of taxes. I hope before spring time gets here we can advise them on this. He talked about putting a coy pond in the front.

Chairman Goodson: I want to talk about this also so we might be able to do something city wide.

Councilman Merritt: It is hard to talk about fire prevention when your house in on fire.

Councilman Black: Or flooding when it doesn't rain.

8. Committee concerns.

Chairman Goodson said he got an email at a busy time and this was not forwarded to committee until today. This is regarding three sewer options at the proposed subdivision at Bethel and Bridges Road. Two ways to do gravity line, with one tearing up two roads, or a sewer lift station. The engineer is willing to

participate with the city to acquire the rights of way. Gravity fed is the way the committee wants to go, if that is possible. If it is not possible and a sewer lift station is needed, \$408 a year would be the cost for each house to maintain a sewer lift station. Trey said we will work with the engineer on pursuing option C, for the gravity feed. JD said right now they are dead in the water. This item is ten months old. Drawings have been done, permits are sitting around to start construction, but nothing can be done. The contract can be signed for a lift station now. That is a 100% surety. He says according to Roberts Rules of Order, this item can't be held indefinitely. Sewer should not be what is holding the development up. JD said this is not fair.

Chairman Goodson said he wants committee to back option C to move forward. JD said this is not going to happen before January 19th. Chairman Goodson said we asked months ago regarding the gravity feed. JD said all the information was been here months ago and the three options were presented months ago. Trey said the only thing we had was the lift station option. In October, the committee requested an assessment of gravity feed. Councilman Black said he was told that it was not possible to get the right of way acquisition. Chairman Goodson said no, what JD said was not correct. Jay was told months ago by committee to check on the gravity feed. Option C was just given to us recently. Before then, it was heavily pushed that the option was going to be a sewer lift station. When Jay was bringing this before committee, committee said to support everything to get this done. We understand the frustration, but Option C is what we would prefer.

This process of bringing it to council continues. The Planning Commission is waiting until the utilities are approved until they consider site plan approval. A special called meeting can be held if need be, to push the item along. Chairman Goodson said he would like option C to be sent to council.

Councilman Crosby asked how difficult the right of way acquisition would be for Option C. JD said it is fairly easy if you are dealing with one person. In this situation, there are several people that need to be approached. Councilman Crosby asked if the City as the utility could acquire the right of way without the

owners' permission. JD said there is a right of way agent to obtain. It is typically done by the utility and the agent works for the utility. For the city to take the right of way, it could require condemnation. The right of way agent could pursue it because they are the professionals.

JD Martin said it would help the process if the City would be the utility. Trey said we could forward that issue to the council. Trey said he would consult the city attorney regarding what it would mean if the city did serve as the utility.

Councilman Merritt said he is concerned that this is under committee concerns. He does not believe we can make a motion since this is under this part of the agenda. Trey said committee of the whole could take up the item on the 19th.

Councilman Merritt said he doesn't think he heard Mr. Martin say he wouldn't pay for the right of way acquisitions if the City is the utility. Arbor Engineering will participate in this. Councilman Matney said we could have a special called meeting Wednesday morning where this item is on the agenda and can be discussed further. The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Public Works. Trey said we could advertise it before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday to meet the advertisement requirements.

Councilman Black asked about paving. Trey said we are through for the year. CotransCo brought the contractor out to Old Bridges Road. The contractor did commit to fix that section of the road. The asphalt is faulty. Councilman Black asked about the beaver dam on Bethel Drive. Trey said we engaged Greenville County and they brought their storm water people out. ReWa came out again as well. DOT has been notified because it is a state road that was close to flooding. Mr. Laemmel has been given another contact at the Corps of Engineers. Councilman Black asked if the resident where the dam is has been contacted again. Trey said he doesn't think anyone has gone out since our police department tried to contact him. Councilman Black said we need to continue to try and contact the property owner. Trey said he hopes the second contact with the Corps will be more responsive. Mr. Laemmel has indicated he is appreciative of the work the city is doing on his behalf.

Councilman Black asked if we were still looking at a recycling resource. Trey said a number of municipalities are taking their recycling to Pratt Industries. We are continuing to look at options.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

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