

DPW Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

4:00pm @ DPW Office

Attendance: Councilman Williams, , Councilman Bamonto, Randy Woodbury, DPW Director Bob Bankoski, Councilman Gonzalez, Al Zurawski, Jim Fisher, Paul Somerfeldt, Ryan Hall, and Nicole Gugino from the Observer. Councilwoman Szukala excused.

DPW Director Report

Streets/Parks/Recreation/ Water Maintenance:

- Road repairs on Margay, S. Martin, McKinley, Plover and Pike (LKSD-Tracks)
- Hoyt Street will be paved in the fall
- Pipelining on central avenue
- Grounding of stumps
- National Grid will be cutting up 40 trees
- Blacktop plant not opened yet to address pot holes
- No plan for tree trimming
- Last of the Wex cards (which are still doing fantastic) were delivered last week
- Zipper has milled and has saved the city thousands of \$\$ in milling streets vs contracting out
- Picnic tables, trash cans, lifeguard stands are all repaired and ready to go
- Rec center closed April 15
- Prepping for sectionals
- Possibility of getting into the rec center earlier for a haunted house for youth on weekend nights
- Section 6 games 5/25/17- need dirt to be ready for tournaments
- 13 slow-pitch teams
- 6 fastpitch teams
- 4th Ward playground out for bid (at least a month planned for construction)

Water Filtration/Wastewater Treatment:

- 2 employees are at "Class D License Classes
- Benton Street tank is fully operational
- Natural Gas generator at Point Station
- Upgrades are a week to two weeks behind schedule
- No vacancies at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- National Fuel to repair damage from line repairs

Cost Saving Ideas

Solar Update- N/A

Wex Fuel Card- Still proving beneficial for city.

Energy Audit- N/A

Regionalism Efforts N/A

Other Business

Al Zulruski- three tear downs from Chautauqua County Land to Bank- 132 Townsend, 35 St. Hedwigs, 112 S. Beaver St.

Asbestos Abatement completed.

RFP for demolition opens on May 17, 2017.

Zombie properties-since the state has changed laws, the city is seeing more people are taking care of their properties.

No updates on 3rd Street Houses as the court date is next Wednesday (5/3/17).

Council Questions/ Good and Welfare

Councilman Williams brought up information regarding Pave NY Funding and Emergency Winter Recovery- funds will be added to CHIPS. As it stands CHIPS is at \$346,000. Emergency Winter Recovery will add \$40,000 and Pave NY Funding will add \$70,000 raising CHIPS to \$456,000.

Councilman Gonzelz asked about adding 2 receptacles and 2 benches to Washington Park. DPW director said some are in but they were for the Point.

Paul Somerfeldt asked if the city was partners with Complete Streets Policy- and was told that in fact they are. He also asked for the city to look into permeable asphalt which will save on salt and be better for the roads. He wanted to be sure the city was part of the "dig once" program allowing all contractors needed to be on site when full streets and areas are being repaired. Paul would also like to be sure truck routes are refereed to public safety for enforcement of laws.

Jim Fisher informed the committee that the drain cover by underpass on Brigham is *not* the County's responsibility, but in fact, the city's. DPW Director made note of that and will be on top of the situation.

Motion to Adjourn made by Councilman Bamonto 2nd by Councilman Gonzalez at 4:58 pm. The next DPW meeting is scheduled for May 23rd in the Mayors Conference Room.