

Public works meeting minutes

September 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Councilman Gonzalez.

Present Stacy Szukala, Stephanie Kiyak, Tony Gugino, Al Zurawski, Mike Michalski and Ron Szot.

Tony Gugino paving project should begin Wednesday. Steph Kiyak asked if this used CHIP money. Tony Gugino said yes \$623,000 is the total CHIP Fund. Steph Kiyak asked if Third Street was included on this list and Tony Gugino said no.

Stacy Szukala asked if we know when the Drainage project will start. Tony Gugino said it is not scheduled yet. They are doing the Street Sign Project, and the Street Sweeping on the upcoming paving streets. Brush pickup just finished for the year. Leaf pickup will be starting soon. Last year is started late October. It is dependent on when the first frost of the year is.

Stacy Szukala asked if disposal instruction of pumpkins could be advertised.

Andy Gonzalez asked if the tree truck was fixed. Tony Gugino said yes. He mentioned 751 Main St. has an unsafe tree and it was reported to the Clerk's office.

Tony Gugino gave an update on the Seawall Project. He said it was ready to go. Bids would be done by the end of the year so construction can start next year. Army Corp is reviewing the plans. If approved then we can start the permits. This is a current permit so we would just need to apply to extend the permit.

Stacy Szukala asked if the branches were starting to be cut by National Grid, and Tony said yes he has seen them doing the work throughout the city.

Tony Gugino gave an update on the Willowbrook Water Tank Project. The bidding contractor just left and he is done with his portion. The subcontractor is doing preliminary work and as soon as he is finished, the electrician and plumbers will come in. It will be operational by October/November.

Andy Gonzalez asked in Tony Gugino could explain how much manpower his department is down from 2004. Tony stated he is down a total of 15 people since then. Steph Kiyak asked of that total how many is from 2012. Tony said he is down 2 people from 2012. He stated they are still providing the same services since then but doesn't feel it is at the level that the residents deserve. Steph Kiyak asked if Tony could explain the street works times. Tony explains they work through their breaks and lunches so when their work is finished for the day they are allowed to leave. Steph asked Tony is 8 hours are being paid is the 8 hours being worked and Tony replied yes. Stacy Szukala asked if districts could share services. In 2010

Council looked at a study for services provided. It was determined that it would cost more to contract out the services rather than do them in-house. Steph Kiyak stated a trial bases needs to happen to find out what the “unknowns” are and consider if combining services or other solutions/ideas would work.

Steph Kiyak asked Tony Gugino if a sign in and sign out log of the employees could be provided showing specific times. She asked if it could include the daily activity, as well as how many hours each truck is spending to pick up garbage for a month are kept.

Al Zurawski gave his update. He stated the Lincoln Ave site had no asbestos and the amount to bid for demo will be soon.

He said the property at Doughty St. will also go out to bid soon. The siding of the house will need to removed first which is out to bid now after it will be able to go out to bid for demo.

Steph Kiyak asked about a specific property they have been discussing prior to this meeting that was involved in a fire. Al stated they are working on the site. They have completed the asbestos survey and they have had dumpsters on site. They have until November 17th to complete the takedown. If they have not completed by then, the city can then start the route of demo.

Andy Gonzalez asked about a Deer St. property that had a bad easement and the basement was flooding. Al stated he did try to look into it but was given a wrong address; he will need the exact address to continue.

Stacy Szukala motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM.