

BOARD OF WORKS

JULY 11 ,2023

AUSTIN CITY HALL

5:00 PM

Members Present: Jimmy Turner, Joe Smith and Roger Hawkins. All members present. Also in attendance for City Engineer Ravi Rafferty and Dave Eberenz, along with Stephen Tolliver and son from AUS.

Minutes:

June 13, 2023: Joe Smith made motion to approve. Jimmy Turner seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Sewer Adjustments:

June 13, 2023- July 11,2023: Jimmy Turner made motion to approve. Joe Smith seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Ravi Rafferty from Heritage Engineering gave some updates on current projects. Stated he would look into repairs needing done for drainage issues along HWY 31 and would report back. Also gave updates on Bowles Circle.

Dave Eberenz opened 2 bids for repairs at the Wastewater Plant. One from Hopkins in the amount of \$48,800.00 and another from Doc Jent in the amount of \$56,264.18. Jimmy Turner made a motion to approve to award the project to Hopkins and Joe Smith made a motion to second contingent upon them starting the project within the next 30 days and completing it within 60 days. Vote was unanimous.

Dave also gave updates on the Solar Project, Hill St., and also stated the Agreed Order reports were submitted and & wells would be properly capped within 30 days.

Department Heads:

Tyler Petersen gave updates on several problem properties he has been dealing with. He says there has been good progress made and he plans on staying on top of them.

Stephen Tolliver from AUS stated there were some issues at the Wastewater Plant that needed addressed. Short staffing, some testing being done incorrectly, and mentioned there would need to be a test done that would certify the Wastewater Plant. He stated that there is a level 4 manager on site now and they would provide the proper training and help in any way possible to get everything within proper guidelines.

The Board approved the agreement and contract for AUS, but the contract was forgotten so it still needs signed. Jimmy Turner made the motion to approve seconded by Joe Smith, the vote was unanimous.

Roger Hawkins wanted to take time to recognize the retirement of Howard Watts after 42 years of service, and also thank Todd Watts for his service as he also has left his position for the City.

Superintendent Shane Terry said the chipper has been down, but is functional again and they are finally getting caught up. Would like to be looking for a new one in the near future. There was also repairs done to one of the zero turn mowers and the packer, but both were repaired now. Mayor Hawkins stated that there might need to be a body from Street/Sanitation moved to the Wastewater Plant till there could be a person hired.

Chief Shawn Hurt gave an update on arrest, violations, accidents and reports made over the last month. He also stated the new police vehicles were ready to be picked up as soon as the funding was available from the USDA Grant. Shawn is going to look into pricing a new speed limit sign as there have been several request for them throughout the City.

City attorney Josh Stigdon made the board aware there were 15 out of the 25 Blighted properties that were bid on. They are in negotiations and they should close sometime this month.

New Business:

Continuous Enforcement Order- 70 Plum St.

The owner of this property did not show to the meeting. The order was signed and will be recorded by the city attorney. Joe Smith approved the motion and was seconded by Jimmy Turner. Vote was unanimous.

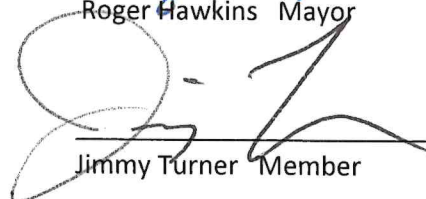
Tyler requested that the board allow work to continue on Plum St. and the board agreed as long as it was completed in a timely matter. 410 Broadway was also mentioned and Mayor Hawkins stated the only improvement was a new roof. Mayor Hawkins and Tyler were going to check on progress tomorrow and Attorney Stigdon mentioned it was under CEO as well.

Joe Smith made motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Jimmy Turner seconded, motion carried.

Christopher Fugate Clerk Treasurer



Roger Hawkins Mayor



Jimmy Turner Member



Joe Smith Member