

BOARD OF WORKS

AUGUST 08 ,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.

Minutes:

July 11, 2023: Jimmy Turner made motion to approve. Joe Smith seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Sewer Adjustments:

July 11, 2023- August 08,2023: Joe Smith made motion to approve. Jimmy Turner seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

Tony Schmidt was present with a real estate agent to discuss the condemning of his property located at 410 Broadway. He did not agree with the City's provided structural engineer report that suggested it be condemned and demolished and that no persons should enter the home. Mr. Schmidt is going to get his own structural engineer and provide his report at next meeting. Mayor Hawkins stated that they have given him ample time to get the work done to the property to bring it up to standards. The original order was made on 2/25/2022 and Mayor Hawkins stated the only thing done was a new roof. Attorney Stigdon suggested that since the original order did not mention "demolition" that the BOW have a hearing at next month's meeting to amend the order to include demolition and if there is no improvements by then to proceed. It was the building commissioner's suggestion to condemn the property along with the engineers. Jimmy made a motion to approve and Joe Smith seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ravi Rafferty from Heritage Engineering stated the storm drainage work on Hill St. was complete and requested release of the retainage funds in the amount of \$5,510.57. Also stated he would schedule a final walk through. Joe Smith made a motion to approve and Jimmy Turner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dave Eberenz stated there has been no contact with Bowles Circle project. It was supposed to start July 31 and they are now stating a start date of August 21. The Mayor requested that Dave contact and try to get the work started sooner.

They awarded the wastewater roof project to Compete Construction and the docs have been sent so work should commence within 45 days or less.

The preliminary paperwork has finally been approved for the solar field so Dave thinks the bidding process should begin with work starting within 3-6 months.

The US 31 storm sewer project is being looked into. How to repair and where to get the funds to pay for the project. Dave is going to ask the ARC to help fund the project. He is also looking at the best way to resolve the issue whether it be RCP or a sleeve. There is about 12-15 hundred feet that needs work.

There was also discussion about pumps at the sewer plant and since they aren't being utilized could they be sold. Dave is going to come look at them to assess. He is also going to check into the replacement of pump 8 that the Pepsi plant utilizes. Checking into the proper testing of PH by Pepsi to make sure the problem isn't caused by high numbers.

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.

Superintendent Shane Terry stated there was a lot of debris from the storm so they are trying to keep up with all the limbs. He also stated they are helping the sewer department as much as possible. He mentioned Michael Buchanan has gotten his CDL permit and Chris Smith is working on it. He asked for the boards permission to get quotes on repairing the street cuts that they have made to make repairs around the city. The board agreed. Shane also said the wells on the TIF properties are not wells and the street department can fill them in. Dave is going to get something in writing stating that they are indeed not wells and then the street department can proceed.

New Business:

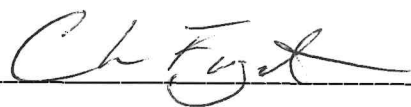
Request to create Wastewater Interim Department Head. Ron Witten is to be promoted into this position raising his hourly pay and his cell phone stipend from 30.00 to 50.00 dollars. Joe Smith made a motion to approve and Jimmy Turner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Joe Smith also made a motion to pay Ron out 40 hours of his comp time contingent on Council approval and Jimmy Turner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

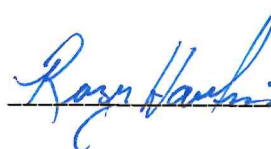
The Board also gave Mayor Hawkins the authority to draft and have Todd Watts sign a contract to pay him no more than \$5,000.00 a month to supervise the Sewer Plant releasing AUS of their duties starting September 1, 2023. This will be on a month to month basis. Joe Smith made a motion to approve Jimmy Turner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

In conclusion Jimmy Turner wanted to thank all department heads for working so hard and helping each other out.


Jimmy Turner made the motion to adjourn at 5:52 pm. Joe Smith seconded, motion carried.



Chris Fugate, Clerk Treasurer



Roger Hawkins, Mayor



Joe Smith, Member



Jimmy Turner, Member