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MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present:	**Aldr. Stellato, Chairman Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Lemke, Aldr. Turner, Aldr. Vitek, Aldr. Pietryla, Aldr. Bessner**
Members Absent:	**Aldr. Bancroft, Aldr. Lewis**
Others Present:	**Peter Suhr, Director of Public Works; Chris Adesso, Assistant Director of Public Works; Paul Hopkins, Public Works Manager - Electric Services; AJ Reineking, Public Works Manager – Public Services; Tim Wilson, Public Works Manager - Environmental Services; Ken Jay, Public Works Manager - Engineering; Erik Mahan, Deputy Chief of Police Administration**

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

2. **Roll Call**

K. Dobbs:

Stellato: Present
Silkaitis: Present
Payleitner: Present
Lemke: Present
Turner: Present
Bancroft: Absent
Vitek: Present
Pietryla: Present
Bessner: Present
Lewis: Absent

3.a. Electric Reliability Report – Information only.

3.b. Natural Resources Commission Minutes – Information only.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE – Items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion.

Items *5.a, *5.b, *5.c. *5.d, *6.e, *6.f, *6.g

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Lemke, seconded by Aldr. Turner. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

***5.a. Recommendation to approve Street and Parking Lot Closures and Amplification License for the Fine Arts Show.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

***5.b. Recommendation to approve Amplification License for the Annual MS Walk.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

***5.c. Recommendation to approve Street Closures for the Bike MS Event at the Kane County Fairgrounds.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

***5.d. Recommendation to approve the Purchase of Two 2019 Ford Interceptor Sedans from Morrow Brothers Ford (State Bid).**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

6.a. Recommendation to Update Title 13 "Public Utilities", Chapter 13.08 "Electricity", Section 13.08.320 "Renewable General Energy Purchase Policy".

Paul Hopkins presented the Executive Summary posted in the meeting packet.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked if a resident can have a company install solar panels and then lease them. Paul Hopkins said a resident can lease the equipment, but the company cannot lease or sell the homeowner the energy generated by them.

Aldr. Silkaitis then asked if a homeowner wants to put solar panels on their roof and they generate 110%, will the City buy that? Mr. Hopkins said no, if a resident generates more than they use, it will be returned to the grid. Solar customers have a special meter that is reconciled every 3 months, and if there are credits involved, Utility Billing will credit the resident on their next bill. He stated that a resident can stack credits but they expire after 3 quarterly billings, so if after one year a resident has credits they haven't used, they are returned.

Aldr. Pietryla asked that if an organization tries to sell a customer electricity, is there a penalty from us or is it a State ruling? Mr. Hopkins said that it is a State Law, and if someone if found to be selling to a customer, they will be brought to Civil Court.

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Stellato, seconded by Aldr. Vitek. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

6.b. Recommendation to Update Title 13 "Public Utilities", Chapter 13.08 "Electricity", Section 13.08.135 "Application Procedures and Charges".

Paul Hopkins presented the Executive Summary posted in the meeting packet.

Aldr. Turner asked what the charges under consideration are and Mr. Hopkins explained that when a large commercial project comes in, the Building & Code Dept. sends the plans to Electric Engineering to assess the costs which consist of line labor, line trucks, materials and engineering, all which are reconciled at the end of the project. There has always been a charge for these services, this is just addressing the need for the costs to be accurate as determined by our Finance Dept.

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Lemke, seconded by Aldr. Pietryla. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

6.c. Recommendation to approve Construction Contract for the 2020 Street Rehabilitation Program.

Ken Jay presented the Executive Summary posted in the meeting packet.

Aldr. Lemke asked if we have had good experience with J.A. Johnson Paving, and Mr. Jay stated yes, we have.

Chairman Silkaitis: Kristi, please call a roll.

K. Dobbs:

Lemke: Yes
Turner: Yes
Bancroft: Absent
Vitek: Yes
Pietryla: Yes
Bessner: Yes
Lewis: Absent
Stellato: Yes
Payleitner: Yes

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Stellato, seconded by Aldr. Payleitner. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

6.d. Recommendation to Update Title 13 "Public Utilities", Chapter 12.207 "Stormwater/Groundwater Discharge Standards".

Ken Jay and Bob Vann presented the Executive Summary posted in the meeting packet.

Aldr. Payleitner asked Mr. Vann about a situation she had with a resident complaint regarding a sump pump that was draining to the sidewalk and making it icy; at the time, he told her that was allowed. Mr. Vann said this Ordinance will address that because it determines where a sump pump can be discharged if it's not tied in to the storm sewer. Mr. Vann also stated that in addition to our Ordinance, we have an additional tool with the Kane County Stormwater Ordinance which guides the City further on best management practices.

Aldr. Lemke said that while this Ordinance seems very well thought out, when we get to Letter "B" he has a fear that we are making everybody have to measure where the downspouts are. Aldr. Lemke said he is supportive that sump pumps have to drain properly, but he doesn't agree with the downspouts. Mr. Vann said this Ordinance gives our field staff guidance when they receive a complaint, particularly in the older sections of the City.

Aldr. Lemke said the Ordinance makes it sound like if they have a gutter and downspout at the front corner of the house that they are supposed to reroute it toward the back of the property. Mr. Vann reiterated that it is not the downspouts, but the sump pump that can't discharge in the front yard. Aldr. Lemke went on to say that he wouldn't agree to Section B, but he would support everything else in the Ordinance, so he believed we should move forward with the Ordinance with the exclusion of Section B until it is rewritten to be something that everyone can comply with.

Mr. Jay said that the intent of this addition is to eliminate someone who is going to run their front downspouts underground and pop them up closer to the sidewalks which is where icing and mud problems occur. The intent is not to make everyone route their downspouts to the side or back yard.

Chairman Silkaitis: Kristi, please call a roll.

K. Dobbs:

Lemke: No
Turner: Yes
Bancroft: Absent

Vitek: Yes
Pietryla: Yes
Bessner: Yes
Lewis: Absent
Stellato: Yes
Payleitner: Yes

No further discussion.

Motion by Aldr. Pietryla, seconded by Aldr. Vitek. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**

***6.e. Recommendation to approve Budget Addition for Pump Repairs to the Eastside Lift Station.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

***6.f. Recommendation to Waive the Formal Bid Procedure and approve Repairs to the Eastside Lift Station Pump.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

***6.g. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application to Kane County Riverboat Grant Program.**

Approved by Omnibus vote.

7. Executive Session

None.

8. Additional items from Mayor, Council, Staff or Citizens.

None.

9. Move to Adjourn Government Services Committee Meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Aldr. Turner, seconded by Aldr. Pietryla. No additional discussion. Approved unanimously by voice vote. **Motion carried.**