

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES, IL
GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
CHAIRPERSON ED BESSNER
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Silkaitis, Payleitner, Bongard, Bancroft, Lencioni, Pietryla, Wirball, Bessner, Weber

Absent: Kalamaris

Alderman Lencioni arrived at 7:04 and did not vote on Omnibus, Item 4.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE

4. OMNIBUS VOTE

Items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine matters and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member/citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in normal sequence on the agenda.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve the Omnibus vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair.
Motion Carried.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Lawn Mowing Services with Cornerstone Partners Horticultural Service Company.

Aldr. Silkaitis asked how Milieu can pull out of a five-year contract and Mr. Reineking stated we don't have a performance bond for this work. Aldr. Silkaitis feels that we should pursue some type of legal action against them to make a point, and going forward, he would like to see wording included in our contracts to protect us against this. Mr. Reineking stated we will be including our performance bond going forward.

Aldr. Bancroft stated he has the opposite view, he feels it would be a waste of everyone's time and money to pursue legal action; Mr. Reineking felt that given the language, it would, in fact, be an uphill battle.

Aldr. Payleitner asked what the cost difference is over the four-year period and Mr. Reineking stated \$127,000 over four years. Aldr. Payleitner asked if the SSA's were ok to cover it and Mr. Reineking stated yes, there is only a small percentage of this that affects them.

Aldr. Pietryla said with all due respect, he agrees with Aldr. Bancroft that we do not need to take legal action; but he is wondering if we can create a policy to request a performance bond moving forward, and he would like to see a rule that if a contractor bails out of a contract with us, we automatically require a bond if they want to rebid with us.

Aldr. Wirball asked if we had issues with the contractor who is pulling out, specifically if they were the ones cutting Prairie Grass, and Mr. Reineking stated yes. Aldr. Wirball asked if we could make sure the new company knows what not to mow and Mr. Reineking stated yes, we have done that, and the nice thing about Cornerstone is they are very familiar with our areas, they are local and their project managers are local.

Aldr. Weber pointed out that sometimes the lowest bidder isn't always the best, and he is glad this happened before the growing season starts so that we could get someone responsible in.

Motion by Ald. Weber, second by Ald. Pietryla to approve Item 5.A.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Lencioni; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

B. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to Award the Contract Extension for Water Treatment Salt.

Chairman Bessner asked if we stored this salt, and Mr. Wilson said no, it gets dumped on location; there are small tanks at each water plant where we make a brine solution and use that brine to re-energize the Ion.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Item 5.B.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Lencioni; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

C. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the 2022 MFT Road Construction Project.

Aldr. Wirball asked the status of grants for the lead line replacement program and Mr. Wilson stated one of our biggest challenges is that we have no data regarding where lead lines are. We are currently doing a lead line survey with approximately 20% response rate. Mr. Wilson asked the Council to encourage friends and neighbors who are asking about the survey to complete it.

Aldr. Wirball stated he asked for a preliminary update on the lead line program because a lot of constituents ask him who is going to pay for the replacement if they do have a lead line; he stated they refuse to complete the survey because they don't want to get stuck with a \$10-\$20k bill. Aldr. Wirball asked if we get grants, aren't we obligated to pay for the entire bill? Mr. Wilson stated that is partially correct; City staff sat down last week to discuss the new laws and are preparing a report to provide to City Council after the election so we can educate the entire City Council at once. There will be a time when City Council will have to make decisions; before doing so, staff will present recommendations that take the law into consideration, in addition to what our neighboring communities are doing. Mr. Wilson stated that right now, without knowing how many lead lines we have in our community, we cannot provide a cost and answer those questions.

Aldr. Wirball stated he feels this is something to be discussed at a public meeting so there is some reassurance on who will bear the cost. Mr. Wilson stated he agreed and reiterated that we need City Council to please encourage constituents to complete the survey and assure them we aren't coming after them to replace their line. The fact of the matter is if we don't know what's out there, we can't properly plan. There is going to be a long-term plan for this; the EPA is not going to make us replace all the lead lines in one year. Mr. Wilson stated if a resident has trouble completing the survey or has questions, please have them call Public Works and we'll set an appointment to have a staff member come out and physically do it for them.

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Item 5.C.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Lencioni; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber **Nays:** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

D. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to Execute a Professional Service Agreement for the Final Clarifier and UV Disinfection Replacement.

Motion by Ald. Payleitner, second by Ald. Weber to approve Item 5.D.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Lencioni; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

***E. Recommendation to approve a Resolution to Authorize Waiving the Formal Bid Procedure and Approve Purchase of Valve Insertion Equipment.**

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to approve Omnibus Item 5.E.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber (Aldr. Lencioni was not present for the Omnibus vote at the start of the meeting) **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, STAFF OR CITIZENS

None.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion by Ald. Pietryla, second by Ald. Wirball to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldr. Silkaitis, Aldr. Payleitner, Aldr. Bongard, Aldr. Bancroft; Aldr. Lencioni; Aldr. Pietryla; Aldr. Wirball; Aldr. Weber **Nays;** None. Chairperson Bessner did not vote as chair. **Motion Carried.**

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