

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Brownfield at 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alderman Mike Brownfield, Alderman Brett Adams, and Alderman Dave Dingleline

**Also Present:** Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Kevin Schone, Alderman Daniel Cobb, Alderman Lili Stevens, and Mayor Gary Manier

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1. **Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:** None.

2. **Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:** None.

3. **Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2021 Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Alderman Dingleline, seconded by Alderman Adams. Motion approved.

4. **Business Items:**

**A. WATER TOWER #2 PAINTING DISCUSSION:**

The Water Tower #2 is showing an increased number of areas where the top coat of paint is missing. Staff believes these areas were damaged during the tornado in 2013 and have gotten worse over the years. Dixon submitted their inspection report on April 19th, 2021. Their findings showed a need for repairs and upgrades to meet IEPA requirements, for water tower protection, and for safety

Staff recommends budgeting and completing the full project next Fiscal Year, 2022-2023. This would complete all the IEPA Requirements for safety and maintenance issues, and would also only require the tower to be taken out of service once, rather than twice. Fiscal impact would be somewhere around \$270,000 to \$300,000.

**Comments:**

**B. TORO MOWER REPLACEMENT CONSIDERATION:**

The 72" Toro Mower is scheduled to be replaced in Fiscal Year 24-25. Staff has discussed moving up the replacement schedule and trading in the 72" Toro for another Ventrac Mower. The reason for this consideration is because of the number of times the Toro has been in for repairs. Fiscal impact would be \$25,431 would be costed to Account #502-000-800-1500.

Staff would recommend that we trade in the Toro early, combine the funds designated for its replacement with the funds saved from the purchase of the WAM, to purchase a second Ventrac Mower. There are sufficient funds in the MERF account for this expenditure.

**Comments:**

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**C. BACKHOE PURCHASE CONSIDERATION:**

This fiscal year's budget allows for replacement of the 2012 Caterpillar 420F backhoe. Staff advertised the bid opening on June 15th and bids were opened on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Martin Equipment of Goodfield is the low bid at \$74,350.00 after the trade, a savings of \$12,650 from the high bid of Altorfer's. Attached are the supporting documents.

\$135,000 has been budgeted in account #502-000-800-1500. Staff recommends purchase of the new backhoe from Martin Equipment of Goodfield Illinois in the amount of \$74,350 after trade.

**Comments:**

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**D. CENTENNIAL REC TRAIL BID AWARD:**

The Centennial Rec Path is an ITEP selected project that was to initially begin at IL Rt 8 and end on Centennial at School Street. This project was underestimated by previous staff and due to issues during design, has had numerous extensions and scope changes. The last scope change was after the engineer's estimate put the project at over double the ITEP grant. At this point, the project was shortened to what IDOT would consider a "Logical Termini" at Spring Creek Road. Staff budgeted for \$380,000 based on the Engineer's Estimate, but the low bidder was Otto Baum at nearly \$419,000. The next two bidders were fairly close together near \$480,000.

Staff budgeted for \$380,000 for this project. Any additional funds can be found in the Lawndale Private Project budget because it is currently projecting to come in nearly \$300,000 under budget due to not all homes needing a sump pump. Many Illinois municipalities are also experiencing a significant bump in sales tax revenue as a result of the recent collection of online sales. Recommendation/Committee Discussion Summary: Staff recommends re-bidding the project.

*Comments: Alderman Dingledine said that it wasn't fair to compare this project with the upcoming Freedom Parkway project. Alderman Brownfield said that he was supportive of rebidding this due to the potential impact on future grant opportunities. Staff will proceed with the rebidding.*

**E. BECK OIL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

This evening's Council agenda has a resolution to accept the Eagle/Business 24 right-of-way. The deed was recorded for this section of Eagle last week. While the opening of Beck Oil is anticipated soon, an exact date is not currently known and the business cannot open until the temporary signal has been installed.

*Comments: None*

**F. SQUARE ITEP STREETScape PROJECT PHASE 1 ENGINEERING UPDATE:**

Earlier in the week, IDOT indicated a need to complete a modified Intersection Design Study (IDS) as a final step as part of the Phase I engineering. This request was not expected by IDOT when the original engineering agreement with Hutchison Engineering was approved. It is highly unlikely that IDOT would grant a design variance to keep the interior wall in its existing location. Recently, the State Historic Preservation Office said that the wall would not be considered historic and does not need to be kept in its current size and shape. This decision allows for future funds to be used towards its reconfiguration, which would be a loss of about 10 percent of the existing greenspace. Assuming no modifications are needed to the IDS, Hutchison will then wrap up PE I by completing the Project Development Report and submit it to IDOT. IDS approval is tentatively expected by mid-October. The addition of the modified IDS was not included in the original scope but it is anticipated at this point that the grant can cover most, if not all, of the IDS. All local funds are supplied through TIF.

Additionally, Tazewell County and its contracted engineer, Farnsworth Engineering, is completing Phase I and II engineering to address various Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects throughout the county, including the sidewalk on the south side of the Square. There is a slight chance this could be completed later this year to allow for some or all of the County's project to have a construction letting. It is not known currently if the County may request a small local match from any municipalities in order to participate in the construction project. This would reduce the eventual total scope of the Square streetscape project, though the County's project can only address ADA improvements and not other upgrades like bumpouts, landscaping, or lighting. Items such as these can likely be added onto the County's project with the City solely being responsible for that cost.

No action is necessary and this was provided as an update. The completion of PE I and any possible work done towards PE II would better position this project as part of the next ITEP cycle that is

expected in the fall of 2022.

*Comments: None.*

**G. FUEL SPILL, IEPA UPDATE:**

*Comments:*

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**Staff Updates:**

A. Water Quality Study Update: CMT was nearly done with the plant data collection aspect of the study. Staff will start taking Distribution samples for CMT.

B. Asphalt/Paving Update:

C. Weed Control Update:

D. General Project Updates:

**Other Business:**

None.

**Adjournment:** Motion approved by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Dingedine. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.