

**CITY OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Public Utilities Committee of the City of Grafton was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Grafton, North Dakota immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Ways and Means Committee meeting, Monday, October 1, 2018.

Chairperson Chris West presided. Members present: Phil Ray, Brian Sieben, Mary Stark and Greg Young. Others present: Nick Ziegelmann, Shane Mohn, Chris Lipsh, Dave Fellman, Don Hutson, Tony Dumas, Brian Erovick, Kevin Sevigny, Russ Geddes, Rock Desautel, and Todd Morgan.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was moved by Ms. Stark, seconded by Mr. Young and carried to accept and order filed the Balance Sheets, Income and Expense Statements, and subsidiary reports for all Enterprise Funds for the month ending August, 2018. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Chief Tony Dumas reported officers are finishing training required for their license renewals January 1. Chief Dumas said alcohol server training will be offered at the Law Enforcement Center within the next 6 weeks.

Mr. Sieben asked if the Police Department has had violations of the truck route ordinance. Chief Dumas reported officers have stopped several drivers of farm trucks who pulled off on side streets to run into a gas station and they were issued warnings and advised driving off the truck route is a violation.

Power Superintendent Russ Geddes reported staff is working hard to get as much wire installed underground as possible before the ground freezes; they are currently working in the north Industrial Park. There was an outage on Saturday night that affected the west side of Wakeman Avenue and DiverCity.

Superintendent Geddes said other projects for his Department are to add a secondary pedestal in NStarr as the transformer is too full, install LED street lights in NStarr as new homes are built, and repair any underground street light breaks before winter.

Street/Wastewater Superintendent Rock Desautel presented bids for a batwing mower, an order needs to be placed now for delivery in May or June of 2019. Bids were received from Hills', Inc. for an Erskine 20' double wing for \$36,000; Park River Implement for a Land Pride 14' single wing for \$16,850; True North for a John Deere 20' double wing for \$27,950; and Tri-Steel for a 2017 Woods 13.50' single wing which is on the lot, for \$25,531.28. Mr. Desautel stated his staff prefers a single wing versus the double and he recommended accepting the bid from Park

River Implement. The new mower will be financed from the Flood Diversion Project and will be used to maintain the diversion levees, in addition to areas in the city where a double wing would not work well. The current single wing mower is used 2-3 weeks each spring and fall and is worn out. It was considered that a double wing might save time for the larger levees.

Administrator Ziegelmann said the mower most likely will be used for the tops of the levees and it is his intent to contract with area farmers to mow the remainder for hay, so the single wing would be sufficient. If a double wing mower becomes necessary down the road, there will most likely be project funds available. It was moved by Mr. Sieben and seconded by Ms. Stark to recommend the City Council accept the bid from Park River Implement for a 2019 Land Pride 14' single wing mower for \$16,850. All members were present and voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

Mr. Desautel said the Department is done cutting trees for the year; the last one is too tall for their equipment, so they will need the boom truck. There are about 100 stumps left to grind, which will be done next spring. The Department is repairing School Road and Burgamott Avenue around the Lutheran Sunset Home this week. The street sweeper is collecting leaves and if weather allows, staff will clean storm sewer drains mid-October.

Administrator Ziegelmann reported applications were submitted the last two years for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program; the project submitted was to resurface the bike path along Highway 17 east from the railroad tracks to Eastern Avenue and east of Noben Avenue north to the golf course. The application was scored last year, but not funded as there were limited funds available. He said all the trails need resurfacing, but the east trail is the oldest, therefore it was the consensus of the Committee to submit the same application for the 2020 federal fiscal year. In the future, when the Veteran's Memorial is installed, there has been conversation about extending the sidewalk along Highway 17 west from Lavergne Avenue to Legion Avenue for pedestrian access.

Water Department Superintendent Sevigny reported the contractor, Park Construction, tied into the Red River raw water transmission line last week and all went well. This year Water Department staff checked and pumped 44 water hydrants to stay on schedule with the maintenance plan. Two thirds of the street valves have been checked, something they do every fall. Seasonal disconnects are just beginning. This week the water line for Dollar General will be bored under Highway 17 and will tie on to the watermain by Heritage Village.

Copper and lead samples were taken from homes that have those water lines and have been on a list for years; the results were favorable to maintain a three-year testing schedule. The radionuclide tests were favorable to maintain a nine-year testing schedule. E-coli testing was also completed, and the results will be sent to the State for evaluation of further disinfection at the water treatment plant.

The engineering firm, AE2S, will be updating and submitting the City's project list for State Revolving Loan funding to the State before the October 8th deadline. There is a possibility of the program funding service line replacements in 2019 for those who have lead service lines with an amount of loan forgiveness attached. When the Water Department is back to full staff this

winter, they will determine how many homes still have the lead lines to encourage service line replacements.

Mr. Young asked Mr. Sevigny if he has seen any zebra mussels in the system since they have shown up in Drayton. He replied that he has seen a few, but they have not been problematic.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Ray and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Chris West, Chairperson

Wanda Ensruide, Deputy Auditor