

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

Chairman Bylut called to order the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee at 6:31 p.m. in the Palos Heights Administration Building, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

Present were Chairman Bylut, Alderman Basso, Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Administrator Dan Nisavic and Recording Secretary Pat Sheppard. Absent were Alderman Fulkerson and Alderman McGrogan.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bylut moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### Director's Report: Scott Smith

- Scott said the sewer flushing/hydrant contractor, M.E. Simpson, was in town and Scott was working with him in conjunction with the hydrants. He noted it was much more efficient for his crew to follow behind the contractor to make any required repairs
- Water Main Repairs. A pipe split three (3) times on Elm Court (in Palos Pines) that may have been attributed to trapped air. There was also a substantial break on 131<sup>st</sup> Street just off Harlem Avenue
- Sanitary Sewer Modeling/Evaluation. RJN Group was finished with gathering and modeling data. Scott wished to arrange to have them attend the next meeting (June 26) to give a presentation. The time of the meeting would have to be moved up to 6 p.m. The chairman concurred.
- Manhole Rehabilitation Project. The contractor, Kim Construction, was approximately 90% finished. Scott noted the rainy weather had been prohibitive. Scott also noted he would be requesting a payout next month.
- Water Reservoir Inspection. In regards to the tank at the hospital, Scott said he had a contractor that serviced it and did a minimal inspection annually. Scott wanted to get a proposal from Utility Services to evaluate the tank. Scott said the tank was due for painting and would have to be taken down. It was the main water feed for the hospital and held 2 million gallons.
- Equipment Upgrade. Scott told the committee the project with Metropolitan Pump and Comcast for the SCADA upgrade and backup at the pump/lift stations was on schedule and he thought it would be completed by mid-August.

### Equipment Purchase

Scott said last month the committee had asked for more information on the Catch Basin/Hydro Excavator. He referred to the packet he had distributed which included a proposal summary for a Vactor 2100i single engine combination sewer cleaner from Standard Equipment Company, specifications for the tandem axle Kenworth T440 Chassis, and three (3) lease-purchase proposals. Scott explained this was a costly piece of equipment but would help

tremendously with the efficiency of repairs and the accuracy of utility locates. He further explained there were many instances where he had to bring in a contractor because his crew could not get to the water main or a damaged sewer with the backhoe. The cost to bring in a contractor last year was about \$20,000. He felt they would utilize this piece of equipment 2 to 3 days per week. Based on Suburban Purchasing Cooperative pricing, the cost was \$430,847.00.

Scott then referred to the financing proposals and said after reviewing all three, the best rates/terms were from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. With \$170,000.00 down, the finance amount would be \$260,827.00, with a 3-year term and an interest rate of 3.99%, the annual payment would be \$93,970.75. Scott said this equipment purchase had been budgeted for. Scott was requesting recommendation for City Council's approval.

Scott showed the committee some videos demonstrating what the equipment could do and how it would help by being much more efficient and faster for repairing water main breaks. He noted most municipalities have this type equipment. Scott answered any questions the committee had.

The City Administrator noted two motions were required.

Chairman Bylut moved to approve the proposal from Standard Equipment Company for the purchase of the Vactor 2100i Single Engine Combination Sewer Cleaner mounted on a tandem axle Kenworth T440 Chassis based on Suburban Purchasing Cooperative pricing in the amount of \$430,847.00, seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. **AGENDA**

Chairman Bylut moved to accept the lease-purchase financing proposal from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. for a term of three (3) years with an interest rate of 3.99% for annual payments of \$93,970.75, seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. **AGENDA**

### **Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Alsip**

Scott said the cost sharing agreement for the Rt. 83 water main project had been reviewed by the City Administrator, Chairman Bylut, the City Attorney, and himself. Scott felt they had negotiated a fair number which would be a percentage of the final cost and could vary a bit. The engineer's estimate for the City's portion was \$727,699.00. He said a benefit for the City was that the meter pit was going to be moved to the City's side of the creek and the Village of Alsip would be responsible for the water main under the creek. Scott requested the agreement be recommended to City Council for approval.

Chairman Bylut moved to recommend approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Alsip and the City of Palos Heights relative to Sharing the Costs Associated with the Illinois Rt. 83 Water Main Project with the City's share estimated at \$727,699.00, seconded by Alderman Basso. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. **AGENDA**

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chairman Bylut moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Basso.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia M. Sheppard  
Recording Secretary