



City of Palos Heights

Water and Sewer Committee

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bylut called the Water and Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Palos Heights City Hall, 7607 W. College Drive. In attendance were Chairman Bylut, Aldermen Basso, and Alderman Lewandowski, Alderman McGrogan, Public Works Director Adam Jasinski, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Margaret Carey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bylut made a Motion to approve the minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee meeting held on August 27, 2019, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Basso wanted to clarify from the minutes that, he feels that there may be a misinterpretation of the facts when reading the minutes of the August meeting in the paragraph reporting his attempt to reopen discussions regarding the water usage charges. The minutes suggest, to him, that there were suggestions about not passing the increase on to consumers, depleting the water and sewer reserve fund and putting residents at risk. His concerns are only with the way the City applies the water rates to its' residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Adam Jasinski presented the following reports:

- Water main repairs: There have been 29 water main breaks YTD. 5 since the last meeting.
- Tank inspection is complete on Rt. 83 steel reservoir: Received a draft report with an estimate of \$623,000.00 to repair the tank. This is expensive but includes repairs to interior and exterior and should last approximately 20 years. Director Jasinski will bring the Executive Summary report to the next committee meeting.
- Oak Lawn Water Transmission Main Project: Director Jasinski attend the kickoff meeting. The project is set to begin at the end of September.
- Valve Exercising: the first half was completed by 8-30-2019. We already started making repairs to leaking valves.

Director Jasinski requested approval for a payment to ME Simpson in the amount of \$10,766.00.

Alderman Bylut moved to approve the payment to ME Simpson in the amount of \$10,766.00, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Agenda**

- Hydrant Exercising: was completed week ending 9-20-19. This is required. There were not too many hydrants needing repair.
 Director Jasinski requested approval for a payment to ME Simpson in the amount of \$11,703.00.
 Alderman Bylut moved to approve the payment to ME Simpson in the amount of \$11,703.00, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Agenda**
- Underground diesel tank at Palos Community Hospital: during an annual inspection of the tank, it was found that it needs repair. Director Jasinski solicited 3 quotes and received 2 back.
 Director Jasinski requested approval to repair the tank at a cost of \$10,550.00.
 Alderman Bylut moved to approve the repair at a cost of \$10,550.00, seconded by Alderman McGrogan. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Agenda**

MWRD

No update.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Director Jasinski sought approval for:

1. A payment to RJN Group for professional engineering services rendered through 8-23-2019 totaling \$10,527.85. The services provided included: Completion of smoke testing draft report, flow meter monitoring /adjustments and GIS updates.
 Alderman Bylut moved to approve the payment to RJN Group in the amount of \$10,527.85, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Agenda**

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Basso inquired about adding additional information to the water bills. City Administrator Nisavic said he and Kathy Jirik would be happy to meet with Ald. Basso to discuss options.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bylut moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Carey, Recording Secretary