

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD MEETING

MARCH 9, 2021

The Public Works Board meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Chairman Terry Kim at 6:02 P.M.

Those present at roll call:

- Mayor Jim Collins
- Chairman Terry Kim
- Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner
- Rose Prichard
- Kirby Ladner
- Lynette Wolfe
- Penny Calhoon (Arrived at 6:12 P.M. due to technical issues)
- Randy McDermed

Absent:

Others Present:

- Richard Gallegos, Deputy City Clerk
- Andrew Brassfield, Concerned Citizen

Consent Agenda: Kirby Ladner moved, Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve the consent agenda containing the Minutes for the February 9th, 2021 meeting and the Financial Reports for the month of February

Citizen Participation: Andrew Brassfield brought a concern to the board about the alley between Vigil Ave. and St.Vrain Ave. Mr.Brassfield then proceeded to hand out pictures he had taken of the alley from multiple angles and areas of the alley. Mr.Brassfield continued to voice his concern with the drainage of the alley recommending The City put a sewage drain in the alley so the water can drain more efficiently. Mr.Brassfield did recognize the previous attempt to fix the problem when the Public Works crew had used the grader to cut down and level the alley road with a grader and then added road base to help resolve the issue, but doing so made it difficult for passenger cars to enter and exit the alley due to the newly created drop-off and muddy conditions. Mayor Jim Collins then responded to Mr. Brassfield by saying that the alleys in the city are not designed for vehicle use, He continued to say that the alleys belong to the city and are for utility purposes only drainage, sewer pipes and gas lines are located in the alleys. Mayor Jim Collins then stated that The City is not required to maintain the alleys so that passenger vehicles can pass through them if people would like to drive up and down them or enter their driveway through the alley it is at their own risk. Mr.Brassfield responded that the alley driveway was only one aspect of the problem, but that the big concern was, that the big spring rains we get are flooding his garage located in the alley and he is trying to come up with a solution that would save his property and valuables. Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner addressed the situation by stating what the city has already done for the current situation at this alley. He reported that The City had cut down as low as they could due to an existing manhole in the alley and then placed down road base to help prevent the trash truck from getting stuck. He then recommended that the best solution is for Mr.Brassfield to tear the garage down and build it back up. Chairman Terry Kim concluded the issue by stating that the alley portion was self-explanatory and as for the flooding issue he recommended that Mr.Brassfield speak to his neighbors. Jim Collins added that Mr.Brassfield should find his neighbors at the lower ground, or buy railroad ties to divert the water. Board Member Penny Calhoon then reported that she had some citizen participation. A concerned citizen had asked her why we did not use the street

sweeper anymore and why do we have the \$300,000.00 street sweeper if we don't use it. Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner responded that we had recently laid down sand for snow and if we sweep it away when we are calling for snow again it would be a waste. He also stated that the street sweeper did not cost \$300,000.00 and that it was an old street sweeper and the more we run it, the more it breaks down and that we use it every year but mainly in the spring.

Unfinished Business: Penny Calhoon approached the board with concerns on the recently purchased laptops given to each board member. Penny reported that she assumed we were going to be doing a computer meeting today. She continued to say that before coming to the meeting she sat at home and waited for the invite and received nothing. She was also curious what we got the laptops for? Mayor Jim Collins responded that everyone had gotten the invite and that it was up and running right then. He also said he had sent the meeting information to Chairman Terry Kim who was supposed to send out the invite to the rest of the board. Board Member Penny Calhoon then asked if she had troubles what she needed to do. Mayor Jim Collins then said to call himself on his cell phone. Our IT, Lucas Collins also told Penny she could contact him if she needed assistance and provided her with his cell phone number. Mayor Jim Collins then announced that the board members received these laptops and they need to bring them to the meeting in case a board member is at home they can see who is speaking.

New Business / Announcements: Board Member Rose Prichard had new business to report. She reported that in the last 4-6 weeks her street had been blocked off for 3 days and was never given notification and that she knows it was Black Hills Energy replacing gas lines. But that it is an issue for residences, especially when it interferes with getting to and from work or getting kids to and from school and that there has to be some form of notification. Rose continued to report that their street was recently resurfaced and now it has 6 3x4 sinkholes and 1 8x8 at the end of a driveway by the curb that is open. Her concern is that if someone were to step off the curb at night and into the hole it will not be good. She then asked who was going to pay to fix the street. Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner responded that Black Hills will repair the street and that he would notify Jeff with Black Hills Energy. Board Member Rose Prichard reported one more concern which was the amount of trash in the park. She then said her and her neighbors spent all the previous summer picking up trash in the park items such as car parts and empty bottles of alcohol. Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner responded that he drives by almost every morning and does not see many alcohol bottles.

Public Works Director's Report: Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner reported, That City crews had a lot of call outs for frozen meters and busted water pipes, due to the freezing cold weather. He then reported that we had 4 water leaks, 435.5 Locust Ave. was 89,167 gallons of water at \$1.50 totals to \$133.75, 914 Grand Ave. 13,220 Gallons at \$1.50 totals to \$19.83, 206 Bent Ave. 11,569 gallons of water at \$1.50 totals to \$17.35 and 1131 Locust Ave. 52,200 gallons at \$1.50 totals to \$78.30. Board Member Penny Calhoon moved and Kirby Ladner seconded to send the water leaks to City Council for further discussion. Public Works Director Kenneth Wagner continued to report that we had received 100 remote read water meters which will increase our system to 50% remote read meters. He then reported that we did report that we closed our \$1,535,617.00 loan with Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority now all the money is in place for our Wastewater Project. We are waiting for approval from CDPHE for our wetlands replacement, once we have approval for the project we will go out to bid. We are also working with GMS on sewer rate increase study to cover all new sampling costs which are significant. Mark Molen did submit our annual landfill report for the old City Landfill. We have had no correspondence back from CDPHE.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 13th, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:40 P.M.



RICHARD GALLEGOS

Deputy City Clerk



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Chairman
