

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 2013

7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Twombly, Jim Watts, Randy Snyder and Scott Huss. Charles Batchelder was absent.

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Superintendent Aaron Leach, City Maintenance Worker Michael Hunsaker, Assistant City Clerk Joann Karn and City Clerk Melanie Hollabaugh.

VISITORS PRESENT: Dennis Lentz, Dennis Snyder and Jim Twombly.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart

PURPOSE: Discussion/Action pertaining to the City's Water Project and or water issues.

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. with a quorum present.

Discussion was held concerning the City's new waterline project. Jerry Twombly moved to proceed with negotiations with Banks Construction to replace the water service lines from the new water main to the meters. Jim Watts 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3-1 with Snyder voting no.

An extended discussion was had concerning water meters along the new 8" main that were not in current or recent usage, and whether the City should connect to those meters and/or the service lines connected thereto, with the resulting expense. Various option were discussed, including connection to all meters, whether active, functional or not, connecting with the normal charge for a new meter, requiring the landowner to commit to a term of service, or abandoning those meters that had been inactive for a period of time or those which might be non-functional. It was noted that inactive meters produce no revenue to the City and that the meters under discussion were not included in the project bid. Jerry Twombly moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim

Watts to abandon all water meters along the new 8" water main that have been inactive for an extended period of time, as well as those that are currently inactive and non-functional, unless the landowner chooses to make application for a new meter per Ordinance #458, with payment of the applicable fee. The City will review available records to attempt to locate all such meters and provide notice of this option to landowners as soon as possible. The vote was 2-2 with Huss and Snyder voting no. Mayor Stewart broke the tie by voting yes. Motion carried 3-2.

City Superintendent Aaron Leach received bids to replace an exposed water line in a ditch on Chris Gibson's property. The bids received were as follows: Miller Construction was \$13,200.00 for a new 8 inch line and \$16,500.00 for a new 10 inch line, Banks Construction bid \$11,500.00 for a new 8 inch line but did not submit a bid for a 10 inch line. Jerry Twombly moved to accept the low bid from Banks Construction to replace the new line including a new valve. Jim Watts 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4-0.

A brief discussion was held concerning water quality.

The City received bids to clean out and camera sewer lines in certain areas of town. Ace Pipe Cleaning bid \$2100.00 for 6 hours of work to clean out and camera approximately 2000 feet of sewer main. Bud's Sewer Service bid \$2300.00 for 8 hours of work to clean out and camera 2000 feet of sewer main. Jerry Twombly moved to accept the bid from Bud's Sewer Service. Scott Huss 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on extended water service lines that possibly need replaced and added expenses that have come up during the process of putting the new waterline in.

7:40p.m. Scott Huss moved to adjourn. Randy Snyder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4-0.

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Mayor

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City Clerk