

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING

July 07, 2003
Time: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Bailey and Herb Hunter. Bob Bostic was absent.

Minutes were approved.

Deb Lily from ARA was present to give an update on the Housing Loan Program. The Grant will expire in September. Several homeowners have been helped with this program. One homeowner had painting done inside and a very dangerous situation was discovered. The home needs complete rewiring done to make the home safe. An extra \$2500 will be needed from the grant monies to make this possible. This will be an extra over the lotted amount.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Gary Bailey to approve the extra \$2500 to this homeowner. So passed.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose came before the Board to ask permission to purchase a third K-9 for the department for \$1000. Marion County Sheriff's Department is doing away with their K-9 and the dog is 4 years old, trained in narcotics and tracking. Wal-Mart has given a check to the city in the amount of \$750 towards the K-9 fund and so it would only cost \$250 from remaining funds plus \$1200 for a pen and car cage. Eric Blodgett would be the new dog handler. The City has one dog that is seven years old and will be retired in another 2-3 years. Most dogs run around \$5000, so it is felt that this would be a good buy at this time.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Gary Bailey to approve dog purchase. So passed.

Jeff Smith Wastewater Superintendent requested to the Board for permission to be able to hire another person. Jeff stated the plant has under gone a large expansion over the last two years. The plants treatment capacity has gone from 2.4 MGD with a peak of 5.4 MGD to 4.0 MGD and a peak flow of 8.90 MGD, four additional clarifiers, new sludge pumping building and new storage sludge tank. During the expansion a 5 million gallon flow equalization basin was constructed to hold flows greater than 8MGD and then this is released back into the plant.

The sewer system has increased from approximately 55 miles to 65 of sewer lines. To maintain a good working system a minimum of 25% of the sewer system needs to be cleaned each year.

Jeff stated this is the reasoning for hiring an additional person.

Board approved the hiring of an additional person.

Jeff Smith also requested to the Board for permission to purchase a new mower.

They were mowing 3.5 acres and now will be mowing 9 acres approximately.

Jeff is requesting a mower with the ability to mow hilly ground, to have a loader to empty the scum baskets and to use other attachments, which is PTO required.

Quotes were as follows: 1. Smith Implements – John Deere \$13,475 and \$12,536 for subcompact tractor and compact tractor \$20,475; 2. Stones Farm Service – Kubota \$13,000 for subcompact and compact \$17,500; 3. Briggs Equipment – New Holland \$15,388 for subcompact and compact \$18,769.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Gary Bailey to purchase the subcompact tractor from Smith Implements for \$12,536. So passed.

Bids were opened for Street Resurfacing from the following companies and their bids being: 1. Paul H. Rohe Company - \$177,890.20; 2. Milestone Contractors - \$241,711.80 and Dave O'Mara Contractors - \$187,563.60.

Motion by Herb Hunter seconded by Gary Bailey to accept the lowest bid upon approval from review of the City Attorney, Frank I. Hamilton, Jr., Ralph Land and Kathy Crippen. So passed.

Mayor told the Board that the Fire Chief Mike Wells is looking into trying to find a way to get more space for the fire department. Grant monies are available. A couple of walls are bowing.

Board gave Fire Chief Mike Wells approval to purchase out of his budget rescue equipment.

Board gave approval to Donna Lecher Water Office Manager for one of her workers, Dori to be off for the birth of her baby starting July 28th or sooner if needed.

Board gave approval for three adjustments to sewer portion on water bills for the following: 1. Donald Foster - \$532.92, 2. Malissa Haddock - \$140.14 and 3. Mary Roseberry - \$26.97.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB gave a progress report on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements. Contractor is working on punch list still. Project is to be completed by August 18th. Contract Amendment was prepared and submitted for approval and signatures approving an on site man to over see the project on punch list.

Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Gary Bailey to approve contract amendment and signing. So passed.

County Assessor Robin Nobbe gave the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer a copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government Finance on the 2002 ratio study for Decatur County concerning the reassessment. Robin told the Board that the State approved her figures that she had submitted and they had gotten approval in two weeks instead of three. She would be sending out the form 11 and hopefully tax monies would be gotten in and distributed a couple of weeks ahead of the projection originally.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M

Minutes prepared and presented by: **L. June Ryle, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Greensburg**