

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Brownfield at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alderperson John Blundy, Alderperson Mike Brownfield, and Alderperson Dave Dingledine

**Also Present:** City Engineer Dennis Carr, Mayor Gary Manier, City Attorney Brittany Miller, Planning and Development Director Jon Oliphant, Public Works Director Brian Rittenhouse, City Administrator Jim Snider, Alderperson Lili Stevens

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1. **Non-member Aldermen Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:** Alderperson Stevens asked about the options for the Jackson Street pedestrian bridge. Staff responded that it is working with the City Attorney's office on a response.

2. **Citizens Wishing to be Heard on Non-Agenda Item:** None

3. **Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2022, Public Works Committee Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Alderperson Dingledine, seconded by Alderperson Blundy. Motion approved.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. NOFSINGER REALIGNMENT UPDATE:**

Terra Engineering was previously contracted to perform the Phase 1 and Phase 2 engineering for the realignment of Nofsinger Road. The project was completed in 2017 but was shelved until future funding was available. The City is in need of updating the plans to the newly adopted 2022 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction following Rep. LaHood's announcement of \$4 million in Community Project funding. Staff has been in contact with both IDOT and Terra to develop a scope and hours for the completion of the engineering. Since the original work was completed more than five years ago, many of the State level clearances have expired. Staff is seeking to meet with IDOT to discuss what extend the clearance affects the Phase 1 Project Development Report.

While the City owns all of the impacted property, the proposed right-of-way will need to be established for the roadway to break the parcel accordingly. Since Terra did the original Phase I and Phase 2 plans, staff is working with them to update the plans. IDOT has asked if the City had any issues if it were to seek funding opportunities at the State level as well as to assist with project cost. Staff has relayed that there would be no issues with IDOT seeking Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds as long as they did not hold up the project from moving forward. IDOT does not feel it will hold up the project but also reminded staff that the funding is not guaranteed, as HSIP is a competitive program.

*Comments: This is provided as information for the Committee on the status of the project at the current time. Ald. Dingledine asked about a timeline for the project. Staff said that it is tentatively looking for a fall project letting, pending an understanding of the exact remaining engineering scope. Ald. Blundy asked about the estimated cost. Staff responded that the latest estimate is approximately \$6.3 million. Ald. Blundy asked if the project has to be completed as submitted. Ald. Dingledine said that it has to be completed according to IDOT's specifications.*

**B. CIPP SEWER LINING PROJECTS PREP WORK CONSIDERATION**

Staff put together a potential CIPP lining project for FY 22-23. The estimates for the possible projects do not include the cost of cleaning and televising prep work. Prep work includes cleaning the sewer main, televising the main to determine the condition, and to get measurements for estimating the cost of the project. This fiscal year includes \$30,000 budgeted for prep work and \$300,000 for the CIPP lining. Past projects have shown that prep work tends to cost about 10% of the total project cost. Hoerr is the Council's approved lining contractor. Staff recommends getting estimates on all of the proposed projects included in the staff memo.

*Comments: Ald. Dingledine said that the City could be more aggressive and use some of the additional sales tax revenue towards this, if possible. Ald. Brownfield asked if this is a 5-year program. Staff responded that it is intended to be about 5-6 years. Ald. Dingledine motioned, seconded by Ald. Blundy to recommend approval. Motion approved. This is scheduled for approval at tonight's Council meeting.*

**C. PHASE 2B UPDATE**

Staff emailed communications to Troy, Brett, and Case Pudik; Sam Miller; Kris Hasten; and Gary Deiters to inform them that Commonwealth Heritage was going to be calling to discuss the archaeological study. Communication was received from Ms. Hasten and Mr. Miller. A read receipt was returned from Case Pudik.

Strand is in communication with both the Army Corps and IEPA to discuss whether the project will need to begin anew with the permitting process. If both agencies require the project to start anew, additional project costs will be incurred due to the pause of the project. Furthermore, the northern long-eared bat has shifted from threatened to endangered. It is expected that this change will also require a further assessment and additional project costs.

Strand's engineering agreement expired in July 2021. Staff has begun discussion regarding a new engineering agreement, or an amendment to the last agreement, in order to complete the bid documents, permitting, and IEPA funding. There was about \$12,000 remaining in the last contract. The amount to complete the aforementioned work will likely exceed \$12,000. Strand has informed staff that IEPA funding has become a lot more competitive since the interest rate increases and that funding could take longer than previously expected to acquire as a result. Staff is also communicating with Kaskaskia as it pertains to the previous land acquisition contract.

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**STAFF UPDATES:**

- Several staff and building inspectors completed training last week on the eventual implementation of the Tyler Technologies software that will assist with the administration of building permits, inspections, and code enforcement. It is expected that it will go live soon, as early as the next week.
- Oakwood storm sewer will be cleaned and televised by Hoerr and there will be a quote for the project to follow.
- The SCADA Draft Master Plan is finished and staff will meet with Concentrics to review the rough draft.
- The Streets department is working at the WWTP and crack sealing the roads and parking lot.
- The Distribution and Collections department is working on routine sewer jetting and televising of sewer mains in the Trails Edge and Mallard Crossing subdivisions.
- Public works staff has begun preparations for winter operations. Salt will be ordered soon.
- The curb on Hilldale has been poured.
- The upcoming forecast is not good for remaining concrete work.
- Staff has discussed the ten stormwater design projects with TWM.
- Curb has been poured in Trails Edge Section Nine and the road should be poured soon.
- The tentative FY 23-24 budget schedule has been sent. A strategic planning session is to be held on January 21.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Alderperson Dingleline seconded by Alderperson Blundy. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.