

City of Bayfield

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

04/19/2022

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9:00 AM. Present: Bryan, Pearson, Peterson, Whiteside

City employees; Kovachevich, Burg, Ringberg

Motion to approve agenda was approved with addition of Park Service boat washer

Motion to approve Minutes from March meeting, approved

1. Review Financials

- a. No issues found, motion to accept and place on file, Approved.

2. Old Business

- a. Discussion was held on the Park Service mobile boat wash station. The Park Service issued a contract for review that had the city supplying labor to service, empty, clean, move and store the unit. The committee decided that this would be an unnecessary burden on public works, as Bayfield already has a boat cleaning station at the launch that they maintain. A motion was made to oppose the request for service and cost related to such service to the unit. Motion passed with one abstain from Pearson.
- b. Work on getting a grant from the infrastructure bill for grind and resurface on Washington Ave found that because of curbs, gutters and handicap walkways, we did not qualify for the grant. We should watch for new opportunities to get another grant.

3. Public Works Report

- a. A sink hole was discovered east of HWY 13 and Rice Ave. Early discussions between the county and the state would indicate the city may be responsible to repair. It was noted that when Push installed fiber cable their path was on top of the storm drains in that area which may have created the problem. Tom K will continue to monitor the situation, hopefully finding a way to avoid this cost.
- b. Tom reported that the 5500 GMC truck is having engine issues and is still in the shop for repairs.
- c. Tom reported that the chip seal project from last year that did not get done will be moving forward later this summer. That will give him time to patch pot holes before the project gets started.
- d. We are low on salt, but there is another load coming in soon that will get us through this season and the start of the season next fall.

4. Utility Operator Report

- a. A request to receive a credit for sewer charges due to an outside spicket running was discussed. Apparently, an out side spicket ran until the customer at 217 No 10St was notified of high water usage and it was turned off. The owner has their own well so no city water was lost and the water that ran did not go down the sewer system. Motion was made to put a credit on the account for the calculated charges by the operator. Customer is to pay the current bill in full. Motion passed.
- b. The well #4 roofing and siding project for 2021 did not get done. Mike will work with finance on getting the funding to allow repairs.

- c. There was a discussion on the DNR PFAS free testing program that is voluntary. After discussion there was a motion to move forward and have the testing done. Motion passed.
- d. Mike told us about Diamond Mapping which is a system for mapping our infrastructure internally, being to always have current information at our fingertips. The cost is \$20 per month and Mike will go forward with this.
- e. There was a short discussion on the water used to fight the Schultz Building fire. It was estimated that over 250,000 gallons of water was used which lowered our water supply to dangerous levels. Mike will convey to the BFD on the need to consider other supply alternatives or additions for a fire of this magnitude. Also, it was discovered that a spike in sewage flow happened a few hours after the fire was extinguished, possibly from the basement of the scene of the fire.

5. Strand Task Orders

- a. In order to have a shovel ready task order in place for future infrastructure grants there was a motion to spend up to \$42,000 for a task order on the Manypenny sewer/water project on the west edge of the city. Included was a general service task order to cover immediate project needs. Motion passed for task orders 22-01 and 22-02.

6. Rice Ave ditching

- a. Photos were presented on the drainage problems up on 5th and Rice due to shallow ditches and an attempt at supporting a rain garden. With spring runoff, water is not draining as it should will start to damage streets and gutters. A motion was made and passed to support ditch repairs to reduce future problems with current infrastructure.

7. Toms' retirement

- a. Tom K announced that he will be retiring after 32 years with public works in 2023. Gordy R suggested that we all receive a job description and start working on tuning that document to our future needs.

8. Motion to adjourn

- a. Next meeting is at city hall on May 17th, 9AM.