

## WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, March 8, 2023

4:00 PM

Water and Sewer Commission President Martens called the Regular Meeting of the City of Platteville Water and Sewer Commission to order on Wednesday, March 8th at 4:06 pm.

**W/S Commission members present:** Cindy Martens, Ken Kilian, Eileen Nickels, Barb Daus, Chris Wilson (via Zoom), Brian Laufenberg (via Zoom)

**W/S Commission members excused/absent:** Jim Schneller

**City Staff present:** Public Works Director - Howard Crofoot (via Zoom), Interim City Manager/Administration Director – Nicola Maurer, Comptroller – Sheila Horner, Utility Superintendent- Irv Lupee

**City Staff excused:**

**Public present:** Dan Dreessens, Delta 3 Engineering; Hannah Wieczorek & Brandon Jesse, UWP Students

### **Recognition of Superintendent Lupee for 19 ½ years of service to the City of Platteville**

#### **Citizens' Comments –**

The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. **Motion by Daus, second by Kilian to approve the Consent Agenda:** February 8, 2023 Regular Minutes, February 2023 Financial Reports, February Bank Reconciliation & Investments Reports, Payment of Bills (2/4/2023-3/3/2023), February Water Quality Report. **Motion carried.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Contract 1-23 Jefferson St Reconstruction –** Crofoot reported that the lowest bid for the Water & Sewer portion for Contract 1-23 Jefferson Street Reconstruction was from Temperley Excavating Inc at \$393,872.50. This was \$90,927.50 under budget.

**Motion made by Nickels, second by Daus to award the Water & Sewer portion of the bid for Contract 1-23 Jefferson St Reconstruction to Temperley Excavating Inc for \$393,872.50. Motion carried.**

**Contract 2-23 McGregor Plaza Sewer Replacement –** Crofoot reported that the lowest bid for Contract 2-23 McGregor Plaza Sewer Replacement was from G-Pro Excavating LLC at \$271,061.40. This was \$288,938.60 under budget due to a redesign of the project.

**Motion made by Daus, second by Kilian to award the bid for Contract 2-23 McGregor Plaza Sewer Replacement to G-Pro Excavating LLC for \$271,061.40. Motion carried with Laufenberg abstaining.**

**Consumer Confidence Report -2022 –** Crofoot presented the Consumer Confidence Report for 2022 and addressed commission member questions.

**Motion made by Daus, second by Nickels to allow staff to distribute the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report. Motion carried.**

#### **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

**Update on Utility Superintendent Hiring –** Maurer reported that there are two candidates that will be interviewed. Maurer also reported that Crofoot is working with a consultant that will provide support for the position during the transition.

**Discussion of Possible Additional Projects –** Crofoot presented three potential projects that could be completed due the Contracts 1-23 & 2-23 bids coming in under budget:

1. W. Adams St (Chestnut to N. Court). This would entail replacing water as well as sewer lines. The hydrant at the intersection of Adams and Court has a manufacturing date of 1939. It is expected that the water line dates

from the same period. Water mains and hydrants normally last 70 – 75 years. The sewer line is old and our cameras cannot scope the line due to offset joints. In 2021 we did water and sewer replacement on Commerce St with no sidewalk or curb & gutter replacement. Water & Sewer paid for the full paving. For W. Adams, we should coordinate with the Fire Station project and correct the crown. This would save funds for the building project. This project is estimated at \$321,195.00.

2. N. Court St (Adams to Lewis). This would complete the block around the new Fire Station. The rest of the streets have been reconstructed over the previous 20 years. The water and sewer dates from the late 70's or early 80's. This project is estimated at \$241,715.00.
3. Sewer easement between N. Chestnut and Elm St north of Lewis St. The maintenance crew has a hard time cleaning and televising this section. The lines on both sides have been replaced recently. This would be just a sewer project and the least cost of the three. This project is estimated at \$77,365.00.

Crofoot was seeking guidance on whether to pursue any of the potential projects. The commission advised Crofoot to move forward with Option #1

**Emmi Roth Development Agreement Update** – Maurer reported that Attorney Cole is drafting a “Right of First Refusal”. After the draft is complete, it will be brought to the Common Council. If approved by the Council, it will then be delivered to Emmi Roth.

**MoundView Dairy pH Levels** – Crofoot reported that the legal process is ongoing. Lupee has met with MoundView Dairy and he reported that they discovered issues with their plumbing. They are in the process of repairing the plumbing (at their cost) in order to correct the high pH Levels.

**Motion made by Nickels, second by Daus to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheila Horner  
Comptroller