

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022, 5:38 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

Alderman Fulrath called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Mittzi Fulrath, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Zeke Hobbie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Emily Gerdes

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Rickard, Engineer Jason Stoll, Director Aaron Vincer

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – APRIL 6, 2022 –** Alderman Fulrath asked to amend the agenda to include Mill Road Septic Issue as number 15 on the agenda, moving adjournment to number 16. **Alderman Hobbie motioned to approve, as amended, the April 6, 2022, Community Services Committee meeting agenda. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT –** None
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2022 –**Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve, as presented, the March 2, 2022, Community Services Committee meeting minutes. **Seconded by Alderman Hobbie. Roll call vote: Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 5. SURF BROADBAND –** Surf Broadband is currently reviewing the changes proposed by Attorney Szeto.
- 6. CONSTELLATION SEWER LINE EXTENSION –** Nothing new to report.
- 7. SUNSHINE PARK PURCHASE –** Director Hewitt reported that he and the mayor met with the prospective buyer. Per Attorney Szeto's recommendation, they will be working on a redevelopment agreement, and the two attorneys have been communicating to begin a working document. There is a small piece of the property that it appears is still owned by Quality Metal. Quality Metal had originally deeded the property to the city. The agreement with Quality Metal stated that if the property were sold, the proceeds would go towards some kind of park or recreational activity (bike path, etc). Director Hewitt suggested filling in the roadway and dock at the fireman's landing and building a bike path that would meet up with the path at Sunshine Park and go to the highway.
- 8. TARP GRANT-FEHR-GRAHAM AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING –** Engineer Stoll reminded the committee that this was the grant from IDOT for improvements along Colfax St. The project will be done in 2023 and will include overlay from Route 2 to Water Road. Because this is an IDOT project, a full engineering plan needs to be done, to include pavement designs, surveys, cross section plans, etc. ADA sidewalk ramps need to be compliant and documented. Both the preliminary engineering (\$38,000) and construction

engineering (\$40,000) are figured into the grant. The construction engineering, which includes an engineer on site, will be completely recouped by the grant. The preliminary engineering needs to be paid up front, but will be recouped after the funds are received. The grant is a 50/50 match. **Alderman Hobbie motioned to recommend that council bypass first read on approving the \$38,000 for preliminary engineering for the TARP grant/Colfax St. project. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0. • Alderman Hobbie motioned to recommend council approval of the \$38,000 fee for preliminary engineering for the TARP grant/Colfax St. project. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

9. **TARP GRANT-IDOT AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING** – Although costs for construction engineering will not begin until construction begins next summer, Engineer Stoll asked that the committee consider approving the construction engineering agreement. The committee will discuss at their May committee meeting.
10. **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** – Engineer Stoll reported that he and Aaron will be visiting the South Beloit wastewater treatment plant next week. Interested aldermen are welcome to attend. Fehr Graham did the design on the project. A design meeting will follow shortly after that.
11. **ROUTE 2 RECONSTRUCTION** – Nothing new to report.
12. **MILL ROAD REC PATH** – Engineer Stoll reported that three bids for this project were received yesterday. Martin & Co. was the low bidder at \$348,000. The bid was 16% less than the engineer's estimate of \$415,000. Engineer Stoll recommends awarding the Mill Road Rec Path bid to Martin & Co. at a cost of \$348,021.45. Martin & Co. estimates the project will take approximately six weeks. **Alderman Gyorkos motioned to recommend council approval on awarding the Mill Road Rec Path project to Martin & Co. at a cost of \$348,021.45. Motion seconded by Alderman Hobbie. Roll call vote: Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
13. **2022 STREETS PLAN** – Engineer Stoll reported that bids for HMA skip patching and seal coating on 4th St. and Merchant St. have been received. The project includes laying asphalt pavement to smooth out the ride, and then applying chip seal (oil and aggregate chips) over the asphalt to protect it. Martin & Co. was low bid at \$157,630 (engineer estimate was \$158,892), and Engineer Stoll recommends awarding the project to Martin & Co. **Alderman Hobbie motioned to recommend council approval to award the chip seal and skip patch work on 4th St. and Merchant St. to Martin & Co. at a cost of \$157,630. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0. • Bids have also been received for slurry seal application in Rose Meadows. Struck & Irwin Paving was the low bid at \$107,383 (engineering estimate was \$95,564), and Engineer Stoll recommends awarding the project to them. They have been doing slurry seal work for the city for several years. **Alderman Hobbie motioned to recommend council approval to award the slurry seal project to Struck & Irwin Paving at a cost of \$107,383. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.** Engineer Stoll added that bids for the City Hall parking lot should be back next month, and he asked to have it added to the agenda for May.**

- 14. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** – Nothing new to report.
- 15. MILL ROAD SEPTIC EMAIL** – Aldermen and staff received an email from a resident on Mill Road. The resident's septic system is failing. The county will not allow them to replace it since there is city water and sewer running past their home, therefore, they are forced to hook into city sewer. The residents have asked the city to waive the sewer connection fee. The previous owners did not inform them of the septic system issues. Mayor Rickard reported that the TAS committee discussed the issue this morning. They discussed revising our ordinance to allow existing homes that have water and sewer running in front of their homes, to hook on without fees. New developments would need to pay the fees as established previously. Alderman Hobbie asked if there are many homes that this applies to – Director Hewitt said there are eight homes on Mill Road that would fall into this category. Director Vincer will do the inspections on the connections.
- 16. ADJOURN** - Alderman Hobbie motioned to adjourn the Community Services Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0. Alderman Fulrath adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm. The next regular Community Services meeting is May 4, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, *Caryn A. Huber*, City Clerk of Byron, Illinois