

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, 5:30 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

Alderman Gerdes called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Emily Gerdes, Alderman Jessica Nehring, Alderman Mike Gyorkos

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Alderman Christy Hanlin

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Rickard, Director Aaron Vincer, City Administrator Brian Brooks, City Attorney Aaron Szeto, City Clerk Caryn Huber, City Engineer Jason Stoll, Alderman Todd Isaacs, Alderman Ron Boyer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MARCH 6, 2024 – Motion by Alderman Nehring to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Gerdes, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING –Alderman Nehring motioned to approve, as presented, the February 7, 2024, Community Services Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Nehring, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

5. 221 N. WALNUT ST. SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT – Mr. Miller is working with his contractor to determine the best place for a lift. The City would like to know his course of action by April in order to proceed with the sidewalk project.

Alderman Hanlin arrived at 5:35 pm.

6. 2024 STREETS IMPROVEMENT BID PACKAGES –

a. HMA Street Resurfacing - Engineer Stoll reported that two bids were received for the 2024 HMA Overlay. Both bids were under the engineer's estimate of \$438,268.75. Rock Road Companies, Inc., who did the HMA overlay work last year, had the low bid at \$387,651.93, or 11.55% under the engineer's estimate. Engineer Stoll recommends awarding the bid to Rock Road Companies, Inc. **Alderman Gyorkos motioned to waive first read and recommend council approval to award the 2024 HMA Street Resurfacing bid to Rock Road Companies for \$387,651.93. Motion seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

b. Slurry Seal Application – Engineer Stoll reported that two bids were received for the 2024 Slurry Seal Application. Struck & Irwin, who did the slurry application last year, was the lowest bid at \$171,084.94, 3.02% over the engineer's estimate. **Alderman Hanlin motioned to waive first read and recommend council approval to award the 2024 Slurry Seal bid to Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. for \$171,084.94. Motion seconded by**

Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Gerdes, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

7. **WATER/SEWER RATE ORDINANCE** – Administrator Brooks stated that the water/sewer rate ordinance is in Dropbox. This ordinance is based on discussions over the last several months. The increase is 7% per year, with the exception of 2025, when the \$10.00 capital improvement fee is eliminated. That year will see a 15% increase, which will still be less than if the capital improvement fee was still in effect. Administrator Brooks stated that a new rate structure was created for Commercial Office Buildings (2 or more units) that utilize a single meter, where tenants use minimal water. A bulk water rate is also proposed. This water is for commercial use and is not potable. The purchase of the water needs to be approved by the Director of Public Works, and will be charged at a rate of \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons. The ordinance eliminates the reference to rates increasing by the Consumer Price Index. The ordinance already provides that the city is supposed to review the rates yearly to ensure that costs and outstanding debt are being covered sufficiently. This ordinance would go into effect May 1, 2024. **Alderman Hanlin motioned to recommend Council approval of the Ordinance to Amend Water/Sewer Rates. Motion seconded by Alderman Nehring. Roll call vote: Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Gerdes, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

8. **SEWER LINING GRANTS** – Director Vincer asked to discuss sewer lining grants after his public works update.

9. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** – Director Vincer thanked Administrator Brooks for his work on the water/sewer rates.
- a. **Public Works Building Update** – Director Vincer hopes to have a building design to present next month.
 - b. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Design work is continuing.
 - c. **Other** – Director Vincer discussed a sewer backup that happened two weeks ago. They were called to a slow drain at Market & 5th St. There was standing water in the manhole, and they jetted and cleared it. The sewer main was full of wipes and tree roots. As the water was making its way to the sewer plant, it pushed backwards due to another blockage of tree roots and wipes, and caused a substantial sewer backup at a home at 547 W. Blackhawk Dr. LDR was called and mitigation took two days. The homeowners could not stay in the home for five days. As part of the clean-up, Frank's examined the line with a camera to ensure it was clear. The bill for LDR is on the List of Bills. Director Vincer added that this area was jetted right before Christmas. The entire city is jetted twice a year, and this area is jetted 4-5 times a year. A claim has been filed with our insurance company.

Sewer Lining Grants – Director Vincer stated that we have an aging infrastructure in the older parts of town. The pipes are clay, and tree roots grow into them. Sewer lining in this area will reinforce the structure and make the inside of the pipe smooth and slippery. Tree roots cannot penetrate the lining, and wipes will avoid getting hung up on the tree roots and will continue through the line. Director Vincer has asked Fehr Graham to look for grants for sewer lining. Engineer Stoll reported that DCO has a grant that will be available soon. In the past, they have offered a no-match grant for \$250,000-\$500,000. The approximate cost of the sewer lining is \$50/ft. or \$25,000/block. The lining is very thin and does not narrow the pipe at all. The alternative to sewer lining is pipe replacement (which would also include roadwork) at a cost of \$150,000-\$200,000/block.

10. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE** – No updates.

11. **ADJOURN – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to adjourn the Community Services Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Nehring, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.** Alderman Gerdes adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm. The next regular Community Services meeting is April 3, 2023, at 5:30pm.

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