

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020, 5:30 PM
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Mittzi Fulrath, Alderman Emily Gerdes, Alderman Zeke Hobbie, Alderman Mike Gyorkos (All Aldermen participated electronically)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Participating in person at City Hall: Mayor John Rickard, City Clerk Caryn Huber (arrived at 5:55pm from Administrative Committee meeting),

Participating electronically: Engineer Jason Stoll, Director Aaron Vincer, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Alderman Todd Isaacs (arrived at 5:55pm from Administrative Committee meeting), Director Larry Hewitt, Sharon Uslan (ENGIE)

Alderman Fulrath called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 4, 2020** – Alderman Hobbie motioned to approve, as presented, the November 4, 2020, Community Services Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Hobbie, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.
3. **RESOLUTION NAMING ENGIE AS CHOSEN PROVIDER** – Director Vincer began this discussion by summarizing the events of the past several months. The city had put out an RFP for an energy savings contract involving the sewer plant. We received two responses. Director Vincer and his team identified ENGIE as the better of the two proposals. By naming ENGIE as qualified provider, it allows us to begin to negotiate a contract for sewer plant work. It does not bind us to a contract, but allows us to move forward on the sewer plant contract. If no consensus can be reached with ENGIE, we have no obligation to continue. Alderman Gyorkos asked for a more detailed definition of the project. Alderman Fulrath explained that ENGIE will recommend sewer plant upgrades and give costs for those improvements. This will enable us to make decisions on what needs to be done and what we can afford. Alderman Gyorkos asked about time frame, and Director Vincer stated that he estimates we are at least a year away, as we are attempting to access IEPA funding. A facility plan, executed with Fehr-Graham and ENGIE, is required to obtain the funding, and the IEPA review typically takes 6 months to a year to complete its' review of the plan. Alderman Fulrath further explained that ENGIE does not perform the work themselves, rather hires contractors of our choosing. Sharon Uslan added that there is a minimum of 30 days between selection and contract. Alderman Hobbie recommended that the committee take this to council for further discussion.
4. **2021 STREETS PROGRAM** – Engineer Stoll presented recommendations to consider for the 2021 Streets Program (on Dropbox). Option one includes the following: Asphalt and curb and sidewalk repairs to Union St. between 2nd and 3rd St., Sumner from IL Route 2 to Crest Court (as a result of base failure issues), and Lincoln St. from IL Route 2 to River Dr.

The recommendation also includes preventative maintenance in Brighton Ridge on Everett, Brentwood Dr. and Warrenton Dr. Option 1 includes all of the above repairs. Option 2 would limit the scope on Lincoln St. to drainage work, in preparation for repairs in 2022. Option 3 would take Lincoln St. off of the project list entirely for 2021. Alderman Gerdes inquired about 4th Street near Chestnut. Director Vincer said they will complete in-house paving on 4th Street, but reminded the committee to consider the work that will likely have to be done under the road (water main, sewer) on the older streets in town. These roads are from the early 1900s and would need to be totally reconstructed. Engineer Stoll added that a local contractor has purchased pipe bursting equipment, which allows pulling a new pipe through old pipe. They are currently slated to do this work in Pecatonica, and Director Vincer and Engineer Stoll will go and observe the process. Alderman Isaacs asked Director Hewitt if any TIF funds are available for the street work on Union St. Director Hewitt said that funds have been allocated to redo the City Hall parking lot, but can be redistributed if necessary. Engineer Stoll added that he will look at the parking alignment on Union St., particularly on the side of Sunrise Restaurant. Alderman Hobbie asked about the average cost per block to repair. Engineer Stoll said a full reconstruction is \$400-500/foot, overlay averages \$300/foot, and slurry seal is approximately \$100/foot. Members of the committee will drive the roads being considered, and continue discussion at the January committee meeting.

5. **MILL ROAD** – Engineer Stoll stated that an agreement has been made with Martin and Company, and the project will be one of the first to be done, at their cost, in spring. Engineer Stoll will bring Attorney Szeto up to date on this project.
6. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** – Director Vincer reported that with the weather being nicer this fall, they have been able to concentrate on updating and painting their equipment, putting a new roof on a storage building near the public works building, assist TEST with aeration repairs, and doing the final street sweeping. He did want to address that there are still many people raking leaves into the street. The street sweeper is not able to pick these up, and they can cause added problems by blocking storm drains. Director Vincer suggested we increase our efforts in asking residents to discontinue this, or look into the cost of a leaf pickup machine to purchase or rent. Alderman Gyorkos asked about the cost of disposal, but Director Vincer said we have a dump site on German Church Rd. Alderman Gerdes suggested looking into a leaf vacuum. Aaron will explore the cost of these, adding that it would be a supplement to the sweeper, but not a replacement for it. Director Vincer informed the committee that the department uses a service called Diamond Maps, which shows overlays of streets, including utilities. He will send the log in information to the committee, adding that it might be helpful as they view streets for possible repair.
7. **ADJOURN - Alderman Gerdes motioned to adjourn the Community Services Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Hobbie. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Hobbie, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

Alderman Fulrath adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm. The next regular Community Services meeting is January 6, 2021.

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