

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020, 5:30 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Mittzi Fulrath, Alderman Zeke Hobbie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Emily Gerdes, Alderman Mike Gyorkos

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director Aaron Vincer, Development Director Larry Hewitt, Mayor John Rickard, Police Chief Todd Murray, Clerk Caryn Huber, Engineer Gene Stoll

Alderman Fulrath called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

NO QUORUM ESTABLISHED.

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2019** - No action taken.
- 3. MILL ROAD CROSSWALK/BIKE PATH EXTENSION** – No discussion
- 4. STREET SWEEPER PURCHASE** – Item discussed under Public Works Update.
- 5. PART TIME PUBLIC WORKS SUMMER EMPLOYEES** – No discussion.
- 6. ENGIE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT** – ENGIE will make a presentation to Council in February.
- 7. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** – Director Vincer reported that the EPA tested our water again and we are well below the level of tetrachlorethylene that would have required a public notice. • In the next budget cycle, Engineer Stoll and Director Vincer will be planning some future upgrades to the water system across the river. Currently, there is a well, but no tower, and only one way to get water across the river. • At the upcoming budget meeting, Director Vincer would like to discuss options for street sweepers. They range in price from \$170,000-\$220,000. He is considering a loan or municipal lease, and feels that with the payment, he can stay within the budget footprint. He would like to see the Road and Bridge fund used for capital replacement. There are four more years of payments on the dump truck. An eight year loan on a street sweeper would allow us to stay within budget. The current street sweeper is 19 years old, and repair parts are difficult to get or no longer available. Mayor Rickard asked about the possibility of sharing ownership with another community, but Director Vincer did not think this arrangement would be beneficial to the city. • The generator in city hall has failed. A portable generator, parked in the city garage, may be the best solution. This would allow movement to where power is needed (i.e., a well). Cost would be between \$25,000 and \$35,000. If there is no power to the building, however, we would not be able to power the ESDA room. Chief Murray suggested it might be able to be housed at the fire department. There are no longer any land phone lines, since all phones are cellular. He and the Fire Chief have priority phone lines. We would have to coordinate with the State and County to re-write the current plan. Chief Murray will

begin discussions with the Fire Chief and the County. • Jerry Oleson has been painting Public Works equipment. The painting will help prevent rust on the equipment, making it last longer.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Section)(c)(21)-Review and Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes.** No Executive Session.
9. Alderman Fulrath adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm. The next regular meeting is February 5, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

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