

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, 5:00 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

Alderman Fulrath called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Mittzi Fulrath, Alderman Emily Gerdes, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Zeke Hobbie (by phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Engineer Jason Stoll, Director Aaron Vincer

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve, as presented, the September 1, 2021, Community Services Committee meeting agenda. Seconded by Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Gerdes, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 4, 2021 –Alderman Hobbie motioned to approve, as presented, the August 4, 2021, Community Services Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gerdes, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**
- 5. RUSH PROPERTY DEMOLITION –** Two quotes are in Dropbox for the demolition of the Rush property, which we just received title to. Martin & Co. and Norup both bid on the project. Director Vincer said that this will need be a complete removal, including the foundation. Water is shut off, but the sewer is not disconnected (needs to be plugged during demolition). Alderman Gerdes noted that Martin & Co. does not have the demolition and removal of the foundation in their quote, and Engineer Stoll was able to confirm, via text with Jared Martin, that their scope of work only included demolition two feet below grade. Director Hewitt said funds to demolish the building will likely be taken out of the planning budget, the public works budget, or a combination of both. Alderman Fulrath asked if there were plans for the city to develop the property. Director Hewitt said there are no definite plans right now, but if the property could be made larger by acquiring adjacent property, the site would be a desirable commercial property. The decision is tabled until October.
- 6. BOAT LAUNCH GRANT –** Engineer Stoll and Director Hewitt worked together on a grant application for boat dock improvements. The application and exhibits are in Dropbox. Work includes dock improvements, an open air shelter, rest rooms, drinking fountain, fish cleaning station, and general esthetics that will make the area more attractive. The grant application was due and submitted today. Plans as presented total \$280,000. Grant limit is \$200,000. If the plan were implemented as presented, the city would need to fund \$80,000 towards the project. Alderman Fulrath asked why we are maintaining a “park”, and why, when there were so many problems in the past, are we providing an upgrade to the area

when we don't make any money off of the boat dock, and we will incur additional maintenance costs annually. Engineer Stoll thinks that the shelter and rest room drive most of the cost. The installation of rest rooms vrs. portable toilets was discussed. He does not expect an answer on the grant for several months.

7. **ROUTE 2 RECONSTRUCTION** – Nothing new to report. Director Vincer mentioned the importance of planning in advance for opportunities to replace infrastructure during the construction. He also expressed concerns over the capacity of the collection system.
8. **MILL ROAD REC PATH** – Engineer Stoll, Director Hewitt, Director Vincer and Mayor Rickard walked the route of the bike path, and determined that the bike path extension would need to be constructed as a widened shoulder (similar to the far east section of the path from Tower to Glacier). The concept drawing shows the widening of the road to a 10 ft. path from ShadowWood Drive to Old Hunter Run. From Old Hunter Run to Hedge, we have room to construct an 8 ft. path in the grass. From Hedge to Glacier, we would go back to the 10 ft. widened shoulder. Estimate is \$370,000, and we plan to use Rebuild Illinois (\$250,000) funds as a primary source of revenue. It will need to be determined what funds will be used for the balance of the project. If the committee decides to advance the project, it will be included in the 2022 Streets projects. Alderman Gyorkos asked if there are lights on the path. There are not, but reflective striping would be used, and there is a possibility of mounting lights on ComEd polls. Alderman Gerdes would like to table until we receive bids, however, the engineering design plans need to be done before it can be put out to bid. Engineering costs are estimated at \$30,000 for drawings and \$37,000 for construction.
9. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** – Will be given at City Council meeting.
10. **ADJOURN** - Alderman Gerdes motioned to adjourn the Community Services Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hobbie, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 4; NAY, 0; ABS, 0. Alderman Fulrath adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm. The next regular Community Services meeting is October 6, 2021.

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