

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024, 5:30 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

Clerk Huber called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Jessica Nehring, Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Christy Hanlin

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Chairman Alderman Emily Gerdes

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor John Rickard, Director Aaron Vincer, City Administrator Brian Brooks, City Attorney Aaron Szeto, City Clerk Caryn Huber, Police Chief Todd Murray, City Engineer Jason Stoll, Alderman Todd Isaacs, Alderman Ron Boyer, Alderman Mittzi Fulrath (6:10pm arrival), Audrey Moon, Charles Van Horn

Alderman Nehring motioned to nominate Alderman Hanlin to serve as Temporary Chairman with the absence of Alderman Gerdes. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

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

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING –Alderman Nehring motioned to approve, as presented, the December 6, 2023, Community Services Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

- 5. 221 N. WALNUT ST. SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT – Administrator Brooks reported that plans were submitted to Mr. Miller and he is reviewing the plans with his contractor.**

- 6. MARTIN FINAL PAY ESIMATE-MERCHANT ST. – Administrator Brooks noted that the final payment is less than was contracted. This was part of the 2022-2023 Street Program. Staff recommends payment with a waiving of first read. Alderman Hanlin motioned to waive first read and recommend council approval of the \$62,650 payment to Martin & Company for Merchant St. paving. Motion seconded by Alderman Nehring. Roll call vote: Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

- 7. 2024 STREET PROGRAM – Engineer Stoll presented the recommendations for the 2024 Street Program. The fabric and slurry seal projects recommended for this year include Southfield Lane, Kingsway Lane and Kingsway Court. Slurry only is listed for ShadowWood Drive and Old Hunter Run. These two streets already have fabric. Skip patching will be**

done on 4th St. (Walnut to Lafayette), 5th St. (Union Street to Chestnut), 5th St. from Chestnut to Mineral, S. Lincoln from Route 2 to River Rd., River Road from Lincoln to Sumner, Franklin from Route 2 to 4th St., and Lafayette from Route 2 to 4th St. Preliminary engineering costs are estimated at \$35,000 (out of this year's fiscal budget) and construction engineering at \$46,150. Estimated cost is \$209,804 for the slurry seal and fabric/slurry seal projects, and \$382,624 for the skip patching projects for a total cost of \$673,578. Administrator Brooks stated that funding will come from the 1% sales tax account and the second half of the 2023 G.O. Bonds. He added that if pricing comes back lower than predicted, we can add more streets. 2nd Street, from Colfax going east, is scheduled for re-surfacing/re-construction next year. **Alderman Hanlin motioned to recommend council approval to move forward with the 2024 Street Program as presented, with the understanding that if cost estimates come in lower, or if streets deteriorate, additional streets may be added. Motion seconded by Alderman Nehring. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Nehring, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.**

8. **2nd STREET MANHOLE REPLACEMENTS** – Director Vincer stated that there are two manholes on 2nd Street that need to be replaced. This could be done in conjunction with the \$2 million watermain replacement project but can not be paid for out of grant funds. If the contractor is already there replacing watermains, we could potentially get a good price for them to do the manhole replacements.
9. **MOSQUITO SPRAYING** – Director Vincer spoke with the Ogle County Health Department. They are going to use Byron as a testing site. If they receive a positive test for Zika or West Nile Virus, they will treat that area. Spraying only kills adult mosquitos and requires public education. He and Clerk Huber will develop a Facebook campaign, starting in spring, that will urge residents to eliminate any standing water on their property to kill the larva of the mosquitos. This would include pool covers, buckets, tires, etc. Alderman Hanlin suggested organizing a recycling day to allow residents to dispose of items that could potentially hold water.
10. **WATER/SEWER RATES** – Administrator Brooks stated that a revised cost update for the new treatment plant is supposed to be available within the next week. Once we receive those costs, the rate structure will be updated and presented for committee review. He added that there are a few items in the ordinance that should be discussed. We currently have a rate structure for Water/Sewer-Outside Corporate Limits. There is no one in this category at this time, but he will include it in the rate structure. We also have a category for Industrial Water users that will need to be reviewed. If the new rates are structured correctly, there may not be a need for an annual CPI increase.
11. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** –
 - a. **Public Works Building Update** – Plans for the building and the site are moving forward. A meeting is scheduled with CORD next week to finalize some of the inside design elements of the building.
 - b. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – We hope to have cost estimates to review soon. Director Vincer anticipates some repair costs for the current treatment plant soon.
 - c. **Other** – The Mill Rd. lift station has substantial failures to the metal piping inside the station. The entire station needs to be rehabbed. Director Vincer estimates a \$60,000 cost. He will examine the other lift stations as well.
12. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE** – No updates.

13. **ADJOURN – Alderman Nehring motioned to adjourn the Community Services Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Nehring, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.** Alderman Hanlin adjourned the meeting at 6:13 pm. The next regular Community Services meeting is February 7, 2023, at 5:30pm.

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