

VILLAGE OF MAHOMET
STUDY SESSION
APRIL 14, 2015

The Village of Mahomet Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday April 14, 2015 at the Village of Mahomet Administrative Offices, 503 E. Main St., Mahomet, IL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Colravy, Vicki Cook, Andy Harpst, Donald Lynn, and Bill Oliger

OTHERS PRESENT: Village President Sean Widener, Village Administrator Patrick Brown, Village Clerk Cheryl Sproul, Village Treasurer Jeanne Schacht, Transportation Superintendent Eric Crowley, Village Attorney, Jim Evans, and Chief of Police Mike Metzler

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

President Widener called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge to the Flag, Clerk Sproul called the Roll and a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION , OTHER MOTIONS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRANKLIN STREET & MAIN STREET PROJECT (\$160,000):

Brown stated this is a STU project. He stated money had been in reserve at the State level for Mahomet. He noted that in order to lose this funding, staff developed this project. He stated in December, Staff started discussing this project with IDOT and discovered these funds could be used for Franklin Street and Main Street, a project that was scheduled for this fiscal year.

Brown stated bidding would be done in June during the State Bidding. Widener stated this was a federal program and June was the earliest it could be bid. He stated he and Brown would be taking care of the paper work.

Widener stated staff had reached out to the school in order to let them know this project could impact school registration and also the first week of school. He stated the contractor would have some restraints on their starting time and would not be able to start until after 8:30 a.m.

Brown stated he talked to Rick Johnston and they may be able to divert traffic but this will not be known until closer to the project. Widener stated staff was trying to be proactive.

Widener stated it was his understanding this is the Village's first STU project. Brown stated the Village pays only 20% of this project.

Lynn moved, Colravy seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRANKLIN STREET & MAIN STREET PROJECT (\$160,000) ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE FY206 AND FY2017 BRUSH AND LIMB CURB-SIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM TO MAHOMET LANDSCAPES FOR THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$12,235 PER WEEK:

Brown stated the bid opening was held and the bid came in at \$12,235 per week. He stated last year the cost was \$11,875 per week.

Brown stated staff had projected \$13,000 per month. Brown added there are no special collections planned at this time.

Colravy asked about the drop off facility. Brown stated there would be 2 dumpsters and they will be filled and anything over that would be staked beside the dumpsters and Village staff would chip it. He stated it would be more cost efficient to do it that way than have the dumpsters dumped and returned.

Brown stated it was too early to tell what could be expected in a 4 hour period. Brown stated the drop-off could not be opened until the gates are installed. He stated quotes had been received for 2 gates in the amount of \$7,000. He stated there is \$95,000 in the remodelling fund, but he added there was an additional bill from the architects that had been unpaid and staff was unsure how much the bill would be. He noted that funding sources for the gates are still being investigated. He also added that the Village was facing a water/sewer hookup fee for the facility in the future.

The Board discussed the first collection being held in April. Widener stated he would like the schedule to remain the same in order to educate the residents.

Oliger moved, Colravy seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE FY2016 AND FY2017 BRUSH AND LIMB CURB-SIDE COLLECTION PROGRAM TO MAHOMET LANDSCAPES FOR THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$12,235 PER WEEK ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING."
ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE – AWARD MFT SEAL COAT AND PUG PROGRAM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015:

Brown stated this was really a discussion item. Crowley stated the bid opening would be held April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. He reviewed a list of streets that were planned for oil and chipping or pug overlay.

Crowley stated the Board would be asked to consider approving this project at the April 28th Board meeting.

FINANCE:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN INFLATIONARY AND STEP ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION SCALE:

Schacht stated this issue was addressed annually for non-union employees. She stated there is potential for non-union employees to receive 2.7% raise, this include 1.2% cost of living and 1.5% for a merit raise.

Schacht stated the members of the FOP would be receiving a 2.50% increase and the Teamsters contract was still under negotiation.

Brown stated he wanted to formalize the step increase and wanted to be able to increase someone more than 1 step with the approval of the Administrator and the Village President.

He stated he has also revised the exceeds expectations. He stated there is a well-seasoned staff currently in place and they all have received the merit raises. Brown discussed a change in the performance review in the future and that he had been looking at different systems for the review process.

Widener states he never had an issue with the inflationary increase, but had questions on the merit increase. He stated he never thought it made sense that everyone got a merit increase. He would like to see more flexibility and different layers. He noted the discretion would still be by the Board if there is an increase each year.

Brown stated in a perfect world there would be a range for increases. He stated the current process had been adopted and would have to be thrown out and started over. He added that he did not like the current process because it was 1.5% or nothing. **Colravy moved, Harpst seconded, "TO PLACE A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN INFLATIONARY AND STEP ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION SCALE ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING."** **ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE:

Brown stated the 50-year franchise agreement for electricity expired March 17, 2015. He stated the new franchise agreement would be a term of 20 years, but first an Electricity Infrastructure Maintenance Fee must be passed. He stated this would outline the Village compensation for use of Village right-of-ways. He noted the franchise agreement would be considered in May.

Brown stated that when the franchise agreement was adopted in 1965 which gave the Village 50% discount on the energy charge, which included light fixtures, delivery charges and taxes). He stated it amounted to \$9,325 per year. He noted street light expenses would increase approximately this amount each year, depending on energy costs.

He noted that in the future the discount will no longer be offered. He added that that Ameren no longer has the flexibility to offer non-cash compensation such as free or reduced charges for lighting service since they must purchase power on the wholesale market.

He gave some examples of different size homes and the increase that would be reflected on each one.

Brown stated Ameren would collect the fee and distribute it to the Village at no charge.

Widener stated the fee would be allocated to General Corporate Fund. He stated Ameren estimated the annual revenue to the Village at \$254,739. He stated this was based on customers using the same kw per month. He stated the fee was estimated at \$6.75 a month.

Evans stated Brown did a great job of investigating this issue before he brought in Evans' office and provided an Ordinance example to their office and they reviewed and revised to circumstances that were unique to the Village.

Brown stated the Franchise agreement coming to the Board in May will include this and possibly a 20 year franchise agreement.

Evans stated Ameren has been advised of this action and they had been very cooperative.

Evans stated staff was looking at a draft ordinance that addressed curb cuts and cable right of way. It would enable the Village to charge a fee when someone comes in and wants to open up components in the Village right-of-way.

Harpst moved, Lynn seconded, "TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING AN ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

WATER/WASTEWATER

Brown stated Superintendent Heid was continuing to work with the Contractors at the wastewater treatment plant.

TRANSPORTATION

He stated that Crowley would be taking on some tasks that he had not done in the past including the remodeling project at the facility.

Lynn asked when the salt storage building will be erected. Brown stated either April 27-28.

Harpst asked if any Village vehicles or facilities were damaged in the latest hail storm. There had been no damage to Village property.

CIP STATUS REPORT

No questions or comments.

OTHER

MAYOR'S REPORT

Widener stated the next Study Session April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and Board meeting, April 28, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Widener announced he resigned his position as Trustee.

Widener stated he assisted the Upper Sangamon Conservancy with highway clean up. Colravy stated they appreciated Widener assisting them.

Widener stated on April 19th at Museum Grand Prairie at 1:00 p.m. there would be a special Lincoln display. HE added that the Stubblefields had donated some articles from their property that had been the site of the 9 Gal Tavern.

Widener stated the Board would be asked to consider a "Turnaround Agenda in support of the Governor" at next week's Study Session. Widener stated not being home rule the Village had been a disadvantage to the Village.

Widener met with the Rotary and the discussed a Community Clean up day before the Sangamon River Music Festival.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **Harpst moved, Lynn seconded, "TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 P.M." ROLL CALL: ALL YES. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cheryl Sproul

Cheryl Sproul
Village Clerk

approved as presented, April 28, 2015