

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 AT 5:15 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 450 S. MAIN STREET.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 5:15PM. A quorum was present. Proper notice was affirmed. Present: Melony Walters, Ron Fruit, and Kevin Melby. Absent: None. Others Present: Spencer Reed, and Jason Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Not available.

APPROVAL OF BILLS – Motion to forward the bills to the Finance Committee for approval by Melby, seconded by Fruit. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS – No items for discussion or action.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Street Crew Lead Jason Koch presented the report.

- Summer hours have started for the public works crew.
- The landfill inspection was held on May 2, 2024. Minor issues were identified, and work has been completed to resolve them. Two spots are leaking out of the mound. Public Works is working with the DNR, and samples were taken and sent in. Results should be returned in 2 weeks. The cleanouts need to be flushed as well.
- The requested deaf child signs have been installed.
- Handicap signs have been installed.
- Crack sealing is 2/3 complete.
- Began mowing operation of landfill and industrial park.
- Grates and drains were removed on the 8th Street project along with some trees requiring trimming.
- Sand for the rodeo has been hauled in.
- The newly purchased leaf vac will be picked up on 6/14/2024.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Buildings & Grounds Lead Spencer Reed presented the report.

- Most of the summer workers started this week. They are working on trimming and spraying. When that is completed, they will focus on the cemetery upkeep.
- Picked up the Bobcat tractor and the Ferris zero turn mower. The only issue reported was the deck belt on the Bobcat broke but it was replaced under warranty.
- There has been a request to do a gender reveal over the airport. The couple is looking at options for the reveal with one option being dyed flour. There are concerns that this could cause unsafe conditions on the runway. As more information is received about this request, it will be brought to the committee for a final decision.
- Letters were sent out regarding yards not mowed. The due date for property owners to mow their yards is 6/17/24.

REPORTS REQUESTS CONCERNS

- It was requested for volunteers to help maintain the flowerbeds. Tess Barr-Hamblin has requested to head up the maintenance of the flowerbeds. There is no issue with this.
- The committee spoke about the comments, both in person and online, regarding the lack of trimming and mowing on city property. Reed reports it rained for 16 out of the last 30 days which made mowing/trimming a challenge. The banks at Stori Field were too wet to mow safely but have now been mowed since the ground has dried out. The major areas of concern for trimming have been taken care of and the summer workers will now continue the trimming work.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE – The next regular meeting was scheduled for July 11th at 5:15PM.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Walters, seconded by Fruit. Motion Carried.