

SERVICE COMMITTEE

MARCH 22, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Becky Williams. Committee members present were Rick Rettig, Barry VanHoozen and Becky Williams. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat and Service Director Jon Eckel.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MOVING REFUSE/RECYCLING FROM HSPU TO SERVICE

Ms. Williams said that John Kevern had actually spoken to her about moving Refuse and Recycling from the HSPU Committee to the Service Committee some time ago. Ms. Kabat said that she spoke to the chairs of both the HSPU and Service Committees as well as the President of Council about this issue. She said that the Law Director has drafted language to change the name of the HSPU Committee to just Public Utilities. The duties do not need to be changed because there is nothing specific listed for either committee. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend the change.

ACCEPTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Kabat distributed a list of streets by subdivision for which the Administration is requesting City Council accept the infrastructure including the roads, water lines, sanitary sewer lines and storm sewers. The last time this was done was in the spring of 2014. Ms. Kabat said that in the future it will either be done annually or after the final walk through of a subdivision. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend acceptance of the infrastructure as proposed by the Administration.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE PICK-UP TRUCK FOR DPS

Mr. Eckel requested approval to purchase a GMC Sierra 3500 Four Wheel Drive Double Cab pick-up truck from Ed Schmidt GMC for \$33,636.28. There is \$40,000 budgeted for this purchase. He said that he requested quotes from three dealers. One declined to quote and the other came back with a price that is three dollars less than the quote from Ed Schmidt, but he would recommend going with the local dealer since the difference is minimal. Ms. Williams asked the approximate lifespan for the truck. Mr. Eckel said that he would estimate ten to twelve years since we have the wash bay so we can keep the salt off of the trucks. He added that we already have plow equipment to fit the truck if needed. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the purchase.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE HILLSIDE MOWER

Mr. Eckel requested permission to purchase a hillside mower from Century Equipment for \$46,140.36. There was \$48,000 in the budget amendment for this purchase. Mr. Eckel said that this mower is like a gyroscope and will keep the guys safer. It will be used for the sledding hill, down the side of Louisiana Avenue to the river, and several other areas where they are mowing on a hillside. He added that it will also help at Riverside Park. Mr. VanHoozen asked if we plan on using it for ditches. Mr. Eckel said that we will use it for

some ditches, but we have a non-articulating arm that we put on the New Holland tractor that we currently use. Ms. Kabat added that the non-articulating arm does the top of the ditch bank and about four feet down. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of purchasing the hillside mower from Century Equipment for \$46,140.36.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Williams, Chairperson
Service Committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.