

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Work Session was duly held in the City Council chambers at 6:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019. The following members were present: Mayor Mike Engel, Council Members, Dan Rechtzigel, Richard Nielsen, and John Mortensen. Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Attorney Scott Riggs, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich

Mayor Engel called the work session to order at 6:00 pm.

## **PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS**

### **Pool Renovations**

Public Works Director Ehrich stated that the Minnesota Department of Health inspected the pool in 2017. At that time, the City was informed that the design of the skimmers and filters in the Kiddie pool area did meet State design standards. Due to age of the pool, there are also other areas that do meet the current design standards. The State ‘grandfathered in’ many of the items due to the age of the pool. However, in the case of the filters, the City was given 24 months to replace the filters and skimmers. Ehrich started working with Olympic pool on a plan to replace the filters and skimmer in 2018. Olympic submitted the plan to the Department of Health. After reviewal, the MDH came up with a list of required improvements that would have to made as part of the filter and skimmer replacement. The Department of Health indicated that the improvements would need to be completed prior to the pool opening in 2019. With the added required items, the total estimated repair cost is approximately \$58,000. There was \$16,500 included in the 2019 budget for the filter and skimmer repairs. The remaining balance would need to come from Capital funds.

### **Sewer Plant Pump**

Public Works Director Ehrich stated that the pump in the main control building needs to be replaced. The pump is used to push wastewater to the lagoon area when needed. The existing pump is approximately 30 years old and obsolete. Replacement parts for the pump are expensive. There was \$10,000 included in the 2019 budget for the pump repair or replacement. The quote for a new pump was \$17,905 and the quote to repair the existing pump was \$15,642.

### **Sewer Plant Intermediate Settling Tank**

Public Works Director Ehrich stated that he would like to get council approval to proceed with rebuilding the intermediate settling tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. \$38,000 was included in 2019 sewer department budget for this item. Ehrich recommended approving the quote from Kaman Industrial Technologies for \$34,206. There will also be some other miscellaneous equipment costs which should be approximately \$2,000.

### **Sewer Camera/Locator**

Public Works Director Ehrich stated that Public Works is seeking approval to proceed with the purchase of a camera/locator that will be used to televise sanitary and storm sewer mains and lines. This equipment would also be used to trace sewer wires that are now required to be installed with new home construction. \$12,000 was included in the 2019 budget for this item. Two quotes were received. Ehrich recommended approving the quote from Copperhead Innovations for \$13,799.

## **RENTAL PREMISES ORDINANCE**

City Attorney Riggs reviewed a draft rental ordinance for the City. The proposed ordinance would replace the existing rental ordinance (Sect. 405 City Code). The draft contains a summarized version of many of the same conditions as the existing rental ordinance. The proposed ordinance would require registration of rental units with an annual fee. The ordinance would not require inspections of rental units by the City. The main advantage of the proposed ordinance is that it would make landlords criminally accountable for the actions of their tenants. It also helps prevent blight and hazardous conditions that can occur outside of rental units. No action on the draft ordinance is requested at this time. More questions need to be considered including if the license should be for each unit or each building and if annual registration would be required or would the landlord be granted a good operator certificate for no violations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

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Michael Engel, Mayor