

## **Present**

B. Anderson  
B. Bier  
B. Bevin  
D. German  
J. Grant  
P. Vetro

## **Also Present**

C. Saley, PW Director  
S. Johnson, Acting Asst. Director  
L. Streit, Secretary

Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **Old Business**

- **Streets** – Anderson stated that what is posted on the website is not what is happening. Chris stated that is should be; it has been updated. The Gulf Street area was discussed; part of Old Buckingham is being shimmed. Darina Place – Steve stated that they will be milling on Thursday and Friday and should be paved on Monday. The area for parking (Agro property) will have a placard placed there so people won't get ticketed for parking there. Blair Street didn't get done last year but will be done this year as well as Richard Street and Point Beach Drive; Arthur, Merwin and Hamlet as well. After this, based on funds, there will be crack sealing. Chris stated that he would like to try chip seal next year. Anderson stated that at Strawberry Hill Road there is grass growing a lot in the cracks in the road. German asked how much has been spent on roads this year. Chris stated that \$2,200,000 has been spent out of a \$4,000,000 budget. However, the last two bills have not come in yet; West Avenue was a huge project. Steve stated that the paving demands an incredible amount of resources throughout Public Works.
- **Transfer Station** – Anderson asked about the acreage. Chris stated that this went to Planning & Zoning and got approval. The RFP needs to be reviewed; the goal is for this to be no cost to the City. He is looking to get 10 acres from Mr. Beard for \$1,300,000. The City is currently paying Grillo to take stumps, leaves, etc. and this money will go toward the purchase of the land. This area will also be used to store dredging from the 3 ponds. Putting this all together is being worked on. Anderson asked about long term. Chris stated that it is a great opportunity for composting, green waste, to have a swap shop on site and to use 3-4 acres for debris management. Fairfield has the same process. Anderson asked if this would avoid having to use Eisenhower Park. Chris stated that it would. The Transfer Station contract is going out to bid.
- **Beaches** – Anderson asked about the beaches. Chris stated that more bathrooms are needed at Walnut Beach and the same at Fowler. There are timed locks on them now and this has been working well. The Gulf Beach area was discussed. Chris stated that bluff mediation work is to be done.
- **LED Lighting** – is being looked at. This needs to be mapped out and discussed with Chris and the Mayor. The temperature of lights was discussed and there are some issues. A nursing home is being impacted by lights in Orange. De-lamping was discussed; \$850,000 is spent on lighting. There are pedestrian and street lights in both down town and Devon and it was discussed if this was necessary.
- **Dredging** – Anderson asked about dredging. Chris stated that this is anticipated to start in 1.5 months. German asked about the sequence. Chris stated that turbidity curtains will be used. They will remove the material then test it and a plan for removal is based on those results. It is still being worked out. The goal is to clean up the brush/area. Approvals and permits need to be obtained.

## **Concerns:**

**Vetro** – asked about 40 Depot Road; there is a monster pothole and the resident stated that they called it in. He also asked about the catch basin off of Merwin Avenue. Chris stated that he will follow up with Depot Road.

The catch basin drains and works appropriately; it is private property and not a safety concern. Vetro asked if Ed Kozlowski's job has been filled yet. Chris stated it has not; he is coming in part time.

**German** – asked about the Fitness Center at Parsons. Chris stated that there has been no action on this; he is down a lot of staff and there is a hiring freeze. It is difficult to plan; they have been addressing emergencies daily. The Fitness Center is to be on the first floor due to the noise/disturbance that would be heard if it were to be on the second floor. German asked about the parking lot lights in the Agro property stating that they are on 24 hours. Chris will look into this.

**Bier** – wanted an update on trucks purchased. Chris stated that there is one man on the automated truck; 2 rear loaders, 2 days per week and 1 rear loader 1 day per week. There are 3 recycling with 2 men on; for a total of five trucks. Chris stated that he is pretty happy with them but there is room for improvement. The GPS's have caused some electrical problems. As a whole, there have been 5 or 6 complaints. There were 31 employees in Sanitation when Chris started and there are now 21. Chris stated that there are 35 vacancies in the entire City and 24 of those are in Public Works. German would like the figures for garbage and recycling for the past 4-5 years.

**Grant** – asked about the lining of the streets. Chris stated that this will be done once all of the paving is complete. Grant stated that Wilcox Park has a lot of graffiti. Chris will look into this.

**Bevin** – asked about the wall on Welche's Point Road; the stone work. Chris stated that they have quite a bit of material to use and they will put a cap on top of it.

The next regular meeting will be on October 23, 2017.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit