Police & Fire Committee
Public Works Committee
April 26, 2018


POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE

Phillips moved to recommend approval of the request to replace the Police Department in-car computers in the amount of $31,000. These computers and software were in the 2018 budget, but were removed from the final budget. The computers operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week over five years, which is five times the intended use. They have operated for six years, a year past the planned use. Parts have been switched, but can no longer record or download fast enough to be useful or store information. It has become an issue presenting court cases. The $31,000 will cover the seven marked vehicles at a cost of $3,815 per computer, plus $850 per mounting base. This does not cover the necessary GPS or other software and licenses, but the new computers will be capable of having that software added at a later time. Edinger responded that the County auctions old computers. Phillips asked how the computers will be funded. Hellekson responded that the $31,000 will come from the General Fund. Seconded by Gumke. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Andersen moved to recommend approval of Change Order No. 1, to Northern Technologies, LLC, for the Monitoring Well System Upgrades, CWSRF#380808-08, balancing final increase of $2,190.00. Hournbuckle explained that this fulfills the permit requirements for the ND Health Department. Seconded by Gumke. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Andersen moved to recommend approval of the draft Cost Participation and Maintenance Agreement with the ND Department of Transportation for US281 and I-94 Ramp Intersections, Project No. IM-2-094(157)257. Dillman stated that the City can bill the NDDOT for maintenance parts of the traffic signals. The State must supply the extra equipment and the lights, which the City will store. Brubakken asked whether the agreement includes the overlay up to the bypass. Dillman stated that the bypass is included in a separate agreement. Ryan asked if the City anticipates incurring any costs for this particular project. Dillman replied that the City will incur no project costs as it currently reads. Exit 257 is not part of the scope of this project. Seconded by Gumke. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

The Committee considered a request by Randy Peterson to grant a special permit to install an electric fence at his residence. The City of Jamestown Municipal Ordinance Appendix C, Section 8.9 (c), prohibits electric fences and states that, “It shall be unlawful for any person to erect, install, or maintain any electrically-charged fence within the city except, upon approval from the building official, for retaining animals as allowed by city ordinance upon proof that the fence will not be hazardous or dangerous to life.” Blackmore stated that he did not see the fence, but did inform Peterson that the fence was illegal and needed to be removed. Blackmore stated that there are other homes around this property, and it is possible that children would wander onto the residential property. Brubakken asked whether Peterson had permission in 2015 to install the same fence he was told to remove in 2015. Blackmore stated that Peterson was not given permission at any time. No action was taken.

Gerry D’Amour offered his opinion and suggestions to improve snow plowing and communications including more locations on the web site for the information, social media use, and full plowing of corners and all 800 hydrants, especially the corner near Lincoln School.

Gumke moved to recommend rebidding and readvertising for two new motor graders for the Street Department. Seconded by Andersen. Ryan stated that the bids were not opened because the signatures were not notarized, nor were they accompanied with authorization to sign. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.
Searle Swedlund, Jamestown Tourism Executive Director, stated he received a request from an agency for permission to use the Buffalo statue in a car advertisement. The Committee requested Ryan to consider that request. The agency will be in Jamestown in May.

Ralph Friebel, Recycle North Dakota, reported that the participation rate for curbside recycling collection remains higher than expected and the material is cleaner than expected. There is very little glass. There is still some litter from emptying the carts. The screens that will cover the carts while they are being emptied will be installed on Tuesday, May 1. Andersen noted that some areas are collected late in the day. Ralph stated that most days are collected within six hours, but sometimes it takes longer. Most people are setting the carts four feet apart as they should.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Sarah Hellekson, City Administrator