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The City of Clovis Public Works Committee met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 29th, 2017 in the North Annex of the Clovis-Carver Library, 701 N. Main in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mayor David Lansford, Chairman
Commissioner Gary Elliott, District 2
Commissioner Fidel Madrid, District 3
Commissioner Chris Bryant, District 4
Mr. Clint Bunch, Public Works Director
Mr. George Jones, District 1
Mr. Rudy Garcia, District 3
Mr. Cliff Kuchta, District 4

ABSENT:

Mr. Larry Fry, City Manager
Mr. John King, Clovis Schools
Mr. Aurelius Houston, District 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Claire Burroughes, Administration
Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration
Mr. Bill Kshir, Public Works
Members of the public

Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 8:41 and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of February 15, 2017

Ms. Burroughes stated on page 2, lines 8 and 9 there is information from a handout that should be added. Commissioner Bryant made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017 as amended; Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion regarding paving on Merriwether Street

Commissioner Madrid advised he had received complaints regarding the condition of Merriwether Street. The best thing would be to pave it from 7th Street to 14th Street, but he would settle for paving from 7th to 10th Streets. Public Works has worked on the road, but he thought they should pave it. Mr. Bunch stated he has \$250,000 in the budget left for the year for residential roadways. Hammond, Miller and Stone Streets also need work.

Commissioner Elliott stated that road is in his district and it does need work. Mr. Kuchta stated that road is rough. Mayor Lansford asked if there was a way to grind down the cracks and then chip seal. Mr. Bunch stated in some areas they have cut the cracks out completely and it does work for a while, but they will still have bumps. He stated this work would cost close to \$200,000.

Commissioner Madrid made a motion to pave Merriwether once there is money available; Mr. Kuchta seconded the motion. Mayor Lansford asked if this had to go before the commission.

Ms. Burroughes asked if they decided to do this instead of the other streets Mr. Bunch mentioned. Commissioner Madrid stated all of the other roads are in district 2. Ms. Burroughes advised Hammond, Miller and Stone were in District 1.

Commissioner Bryant asked if they should get a bid on this before they approve anything. Mr. Bunch stated he could get a bid.

Commissioner Elliott asked what was wrong with Hammond, Miller and Stone. Mr. Bunch stated those streets were milled with one layer of chip. Merriwether is an old street. Ms. Burroughes suggested the only other way to fund the Merriwether project is to apply for a CDBG grant as it is a low to moderate income area, whereas Stone/Hammond/Miller was not. Commissioner Madrid stated they still haven't received the grant for the Martin Luther King project.

Mayor Lansford asked if the motion was to repave Merriwether from 7th to 14th. Commissioner Madrid asked how much that would cost. Mr. Bunch stated around \$350,000. Mayor Lansford stated the motion is to pave Merriwether from 7th to 10th Street. Upon a roll call vote, with all voting in the affirmative, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Update on current projects

City Update

7th Street design

The design is at 96%.

Wastewater Reuse phase 1B

They are at 99% complete for the current phase, and they are finalizing funding details.

Wilhite Road

90% completed and should be finished anytime.

Wastewater Reuse phase 1C

They are still applying for Water Trust Board funding. This will start at Yucca Junior High to Clovis High School.

Airport turnaround

State funding contract for \$135,000 has been signed. K. Barnett has commenced construction.

County Road I

All necessary clearances have been received to begin construction and that will commence today.

Ms. Burroughes thought the Water Trust Board money was lost. Mr. Bunch stated they are working with the Bureau of Reclamation. Mayor Lansford stated the meeting that was held 2-3 months with the Bureau of Reclamation. They were told they had to have a feasibility study to access the federal dollars. They have that already so it has been beneficial to them to be able to apply for those dollars.

Ms. Burroughes stated there was no capital outlay during this session. She asked if the city had any funds to address the Sugar Beet road project. Mr. Bunch stated he had not spoken with anyone.

Ms. Burroughes asked if they have heard anything from the state regarding the Thornton street application between Hwy 60/84 and 7th streets. Mr. Bunch stated that just went out so they have not heard anything back yet.

Clovis Schools Update

Mr. King was not present to give the update.

Agenda Item No. 6 - For the good of the order

Alma Street

Ms. Barbara Singleton stated Alma Street needs to be repaved. She was told this is a private street and therefore the city will not do any work on it. The road was chip sealed a few years ago. Mayor Lansford asked how this became a private road. Mr. Bunch stated the road has to be compliant to public works standards and it was never brought up. The owner of some of those trailers owns that road. Mr. Bunch stated there was a chip seal was put on 15 years ago and it was accidental. Ms. Singleton asked what they have to do to get the city to repair it. Mr. Bunch stated it would have to be brought up to code and then it would be deeded over to the city for them to maintain it. Ms. Singleton asked how much that would cost. Mr. Bunch stated it would be quite a bit.

Mayor Lansford stated it was a substandard development from the beginning. He asked if they knew the history of how that was put in. Mr. Bunch stated that would be a question for Building Safety. Commissioner Madrid asked how this got by Planning & Zoning. Ms. Burroughes stated they could check on this. Mayor Lansford asked if this was the only street like this. Mr. Bunch stated there are a few more.

Commissioner Bryant stated he would like this researched more. Mayor Lansford stated that would be a good idea. They will look into this and see what they can do, but they probably are restricted by law to do anything at this point. Mr. Garcia stated the public is still using that road though.

Water

Mayor Lansford stated Commissioner Bryant and he discussed this committee and the Water Policy committee overlapping in a significant way when it comes to the wastewater treatment plant. In 2006 the cheese plant was put into operation and the city made a huge investment in that. There is a sewer line from the cheese plant to the city's wastewater treatment plant that has never been used. The reason it has never been used is because the effluent water had too much phosphorus in it, and phosphorus is not good for wastewater treatment plants. As a result, SWC made the decision to apply their wastewater to an adjacent farm by the cheese plant. An economic development prospect has come along and they want access to SWC's effluent water. They want to buy cheap water instead of pumping it out of the ground where it is scarce anyway in the southeastern part of Clovis where the wastewater treatment plant it. They want to use that pipeline that has never been used to deliver the cheese plant water to a lagoon so that they can get the hydrocarbons out of that organic matter. It will be a digester that converts organic matter, animal waste and so forth mixing that with water and produce biomethane gas. Then they will inject that gas into the Trans Western pipeline that runs on the

southeast side of Clovis. It is a good strategic location for this company and it is good for dairies. He does not have a problem with that, but the water from the cheese plant was intended to go to the City of Clovis. The city put in a multi-million dollar lagoon that holds 65 million gallons. With water as it is they want that water. The city's wastewater treatment plant cannot receive that because they have to add more filtration to take the phosphorus out. The other option is to not take the cheese plant water into the headworks of the wastewater treatment plant, but take it into the back works and mix it with the effluent reuse system. They are going to schedule meetings with CDM and Bohannon Huston to discuss this. CDM was responsible for building the wastewater treatment plant and Bohannon Huston built the effluent reuse system. They spoke with the cheese plant last week and they understand that the city wants this water. He does not want to permanently give away a huge amount of valuable effluent water until the city has examined how they can receive it and control it. The folks at southwest cheese know that he does not want them to sell the water. These discussions will take place and hopefully a joint meeting with Water Policy.

Mr. Bunch stated they cannot use the city water without using the city's pipeline and they have not given anyone permission to use that. Mayor Lansford stated they want to sell the water so they will get a revenue source for what used to be an expense. He stated he wants the revenue to take the water and then sell it. Commissioner Bryant stated they want to be in control of the water and where it goes.

Mr. Bunch stated the city produces 2.6 million gallons of wastewater a day. He stated 7-8 years ago the plant was updated and they are capable of taking in around 8 million gallons a day. Commissioner Madrid asked how they would take the phosphorus out. Mr. Bunch stated there are different processes to remove it. Commissioner Madrid thought the cheese plant was supposed to take the phosphorus out of the water. Mr. Bunch stated there was never anything in the original contract.

Mayor Lansford stated the next meeting would be April 26th.

Agenda Item No. 7 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.