



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF A WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING:

Regular: Water and Sewer Board

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Location: City Hall, 2000 N. Calhoun Road, Council Chambers

Members Present: Alderman Chris Blackburn-Chairman, Alderman Chuck Bloom III, Alderman Bill Carnell, Alderman Kris Seals and Alderman Tom Szews

Members Excused: None

Others Present: Mayor Steven Ponto, Community Development Director Dan Ertl, City Attorney Jenna Merten, Finance Director Robert Scott, Director of Public Works Director Tom Grisa, City Engineer Dan Erickson

1. Roll Call

Alderman Chris Blackburn noted a quorum present and called the Water and Sewer Board to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Announcements

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

3. Minutes

a) Minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting

Motion by Alderman Chuck Bloom, second by Alderman Kris Seals to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, Water and Sewer Board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Unfinished Business

a) 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Plan for sanitary sewers, wastewater treatment plant and water utility

Alderman Blackburn stated there is concern about the split for the funding of upgrading the interceptors for Brookfield Square and Deer Creek. The City is responsible for maintaining the infrastructure. The financing of capital improvements should be separate from the sewer user charge.

Alderman Carnell inquired as to what is to be accomplished at this Water and Sewer Board meeting. Mr. Grisa replied this was being brought back to the Board because two months ago the Board approved the Capital

Improvement Plan except for the funding for two projects. City staff are requesting a recommendation on what should be in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Alderman Seals stated that the conditions have changed this year because the intersection of 94 and Moorland Road has become easier to access. The City should look at some type of manufacturing to bring into the City. Mr. Ertl responded the Brookfield Square and Executive Drive area is not set up for manufacturing. Manufacturing tends to be land intensive and not the best use for the area. Alderman Seals responded that manufacturing facilities are smaller now than in the past.

Alderman Bloom stated the Brookfield Square area should be built up as it is an important part of the City.

Alderman Szews has a conservative approach to allocating City funds unless there is something concrete to be discussed. Mr. Ertl replied there will be an initiation of a project to the Common Council soon.

Alderman Carnell inquired how the City determines the amount a developer will contribute to the interceptor. Mr. Scott responded that for the Brookfield Square project it is relative to the Boston Store parcel. If there were other contributors along Executive Drive they would be added to the project. It will be based on what is proposed, what the financing is, and the elements that they may ask for City assistance.

Alderman Bloom thinks the City should do what it takes to build up that corner of Brookfield so it does not deteriorate.

Alderman Blackburn commented the City can contribute half for each project up to \$500,000.

Motion by Alderman Kris Seals, second by Alderman Chuck Bloom to approve a 50/50 split in cost between the developer and City for the Brookfield Square Interceptor. Motion carried 3-2. Alderman Blackburn and Alderman Szews against.

Motion by Alderman Tom Szews, second by Alderman Chuck Bloom to approve the Sewer Utility to fund \$500,000 towards the Deer Creek Interceptor and the developer funds the remaining. Motion carried 5-0.

5. New Business

- a) Request for a delay in the 2024 scheduled water main extension project on Bonnie Lane

Alderman Carnell stated a delay would set a bad precedent for future projects.

Motion by Alderman Bill Carnell, second by Alderman Chuck Bloom to deny the request for a delay in the 2024 scheduled water main extension project on Bonnie Lane. Motion carried 5-0.

- b) Conveyance of rights for underground utilities related to the Capitol Drive reconstruction project

Motion by Alderman Chuck Bloom, second by Alderman Kris Seals to approve the conveyance of rights for underground utilities related to the Capitol Drive reconstruction project. Motion carried 5-0.

- c) Modification of City Sewer Use ordinance to prohibit disposal of materials that create obstructions in the sanitary sewer system

Motion by Alderman Kris Seals, second by Alderman Chuck Bloom to approve the modification of City Sewer Use ordinance to prohibit disposal of materials that create obstructions in the sanitary sewer system. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Adjournment

***Motion by Alderman Kris Seals second by Alderman Chuck Kris Seals to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.
Motion carried 5-0.***

Respectfully Submitted:
Thomas M. Grisa
Director of Public Works