

CITY OF CASSELTON
Monday, October 29, 2012
ORDINANCE/PROPERTY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Edward McConnell, Councilmen Fred Wangler, Mike Eberhardt, Lee Anderson, Steve Link, Paul Spooner and Joan Carvell. Also present: City Engineer Brandon Oye, Public Works Supervisor Kevin Mayer and City Auditor Sheila Klevgard.

The train accident does not appear to be due to the quiet zone. The railroad will research the accident for their records.

Councilman Link made a motion, seconded by Councilman Anderson to accept the repair bid from Sig Olson & Sons Plastering for \$2,240.00 to repair the drivit on the outside of the city hall. All voted aye on roll call vote.

The push bar in the library door to the auditor's hallway needs repair. The question is whether to have a new one installed or have Curt's Lock and Key repair it. Councilman Anderson will talk to Todd Hochstetler about fixing it.

A neighborly talk hasn't worked to quiet the 5 dogs in the Morningside area. The city does not have a limit on the number of pets in any ordinance. Residents should call the sheriff's department with any complaints. The auditor is to get a copy from Ohnstad Twichell of Kindred's new ordinance and Casselton's current nuisance ordinance pertaining to barking for Monday's meeting.

Bill Radermacher says the railroad spur to ADM was built by the plant so it is their property and responsibility to maintain. Therefore the mayor believes the city probably shouldn't offer any help.

Sanitary Sewer #24 - All work on the force main has been completed. One valve blew off so they had to clean out the main lift station. All pigging went as planned. They are now just checking to see what capacity is going through the pumps. Front Street relining went well with minimal complaints. Manholes have been completed also with minimal disturbance. Telemetry system monitors entire water and sewer system has been updated. The open cutting of the road on Front Street wasn't too much of a problem to the businesses. The northwest part of town has the oldest pipe with vitrified clay pipes that need to be replaced and one block in the northeast section needs to be replaced also. The mayor suggests completing all relining next year, then start on replacement. The streets will be assessed since they are an improvement to property. How long should it be spread out? 1994 was last mill and overlay with two chip seals since then. Can overlay all the streets at the same time or annually monitor and rate the roads for repair. It becomes more expensive on an annual basis. The rural roads in town, those with ditches on either side of the road, look good and may be fine with just a chip seal. The road in front of St Leos is scheduled for 2014.

Capital improvement plan. The computer board went out on the emergency siren and has been sent in for repair. Residents don't think ahead much for improvements or repairs as long as services are supplied now. Curb and gutter replacement was also done last time in addition to overlay. Not a lot of reconstruction has been identified for the future. The deep valley gutters in the northwest section could be milled 3 inches and overlay 1½ to reduce the profile of the crown. Overlay costs ten times as much as chip seal. Estimated costs were presented for street repairs, sewer relining and other proposed projects broken down by quadrant of town and cost per user.

The epoxy lining is bad in the old water tower along with surface rust and paint. Chlorine eats at the cement in the bubble and it has reached the end of its life.

The city is better off getting bids out in February rather than waiting until later in the year. SRF funds are always cheaper than selling bonds. The city should sell bonds for a street project while interest rates are low. It is possible to do both sewer and streets next year, and if the projects are done together the city can save on lower interest rates, the base effort to bid, administration and bonding fees. The benefit in using one contractor is coordination although relining and manhole repairs could be done as a separate project from the sewer replacement and street repairs. Want to repair right, chip seal rural sections (no curb and gutter) since road is good. Valley gutters are designed to move water to the next storm sewer drain.

The auditor is to get the project list put together for a survey including extra lines for additional project ideas for the next council meeting. The council will prioritize then send the list out to the public as a survey.

Equipment replacement – Mayer listed several items that council should think about replacing including the garbage truck, the

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pay loader in two years and a plow truck within two years estimated at \$34,000. Other equipment are a service truck which the city has owned for ten years, the pickups each of which have 140,000 miles on them, both the backhoe and motor grader have only 3,000 hours and are usually good for 10,000 hours and an upgrade of the mower tractor with front wheel assist. The street sweeper has 4,000 hours on it with an estimated life of 5,000 hours. Although the manufacturer is out of business, big wear items can be purchased locally. McConnell asked Mayer to get a formal list put together.

The city shop is out of room for recycling and storage. The idea is to turn the pole barn into cold storage for equipment, turn the current shop into recycling and build a new shop. There is room on the lot for a pole barn. Warm space is needed. Estimated cost around \$60.00-70.00 per foot with floor heat, insulation and foundation. Rules and regulations state that all buildings must be engineer stamped. Expected need is 9,000-10,000 square feet where the current building is 6,000 square feet with an 8 x 25 foot office space.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila K Klevgard
City Auditor