

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2015
3:30 P.M.

Present: Frank Sommerkamp Jr. (Chairman), Mayor Paul Meier, Bill Dorsey, Sharon Gronotte, Ralph Laird, Ralph Bailey, Ted Kute, Terri Jameson, Jim Berling, Tim Williams, Jeff Smith.

1. Horsebranch Creek Storm Water Update.

Mr. Berling stated that he had met with representatives from the Sanitation Dist., and stated that their responsibility was to review and approve plans and that they would not be responsible for maintenance regarding the openings to the detention basin structures. He further stated that the project was being held up due to the Kentucky Division of Water. He also stated that the City needs approval from the property owners to enter the property. Mr. Berling advised that the City of Edgewood was in design mode to build a like structure up stream, and their engineers were using the same design that Crestview Hills was using. Mr. Sommerkamp advised newly appointed council member Sharon Gronotte of the scope of the project. Discussion regarding the specifics of the design for the project ensued. Mr. Berling further advised that the Sanitation Dist. would pay for the engineering of the project and the City would pay for the design and maintenance.

2. Design Update- Fraternity/Sorority/Varsity Courts.

Mr. Berling advised that Mr. Williams and he had met and set dates for bid openings for Varsity and Sorority Courts on Feb.25th, and for Fraternity Court on April 20th. Mayor Meier asked Mr. Berling to start designing for the reconstruction of both ends of College Park Dr. since they were the only sections left to be replaced in that subdivision. Mr. Sommerkamp advised that there were several sections of gutter plates on Turkeyfoot Rd. in the South bound lane that were badly deteriorating, and asked Mr. Williams to contact Mr. Robert Hans with the State Hwy. Dept. to initiate repairs.

3. Thomas More Parkway Lane Widening/Extension - Update.

Mr. Williams stated that he had good news regarding the project. He advised that the College and their leasee agreed to sell the property and will hopefully close next week. He further stated that the project has to be approved through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort and would take approximately 2 months, and that the project would be advertised in April and bid in May of this year.

4. Crown Point- Street Geotechnical Issues.

Mr. Williams advised that the Kenton County P.D.S. had adopted new subdivision regulations, which included newly constructed roadways pertaining to the testing of subgrade soils. He stated that the Crown Point Subdivision was the first to be included in the new regulations and that there were issues regarding the testing of approximately 300 ft. of roadway in that subdivision. He advised that the City had hired a geo tech engineer (H.T.C.) to review the testing of the contractors geotech on the City's behalf and that the Planning Commission has to approve the final plats. He stated that the reports issued for the 300 ft. section did not meet minimum specifications in the subdivision standards, and that the City's reports indicated that the street did not meet the minimum requirements nor did the core samples taken. Staff will meet with the developer and his engineer on Thursday. Discussion regarding the planning specs and who is responsible for potential replacement ensued.

5. Re-Bidding of Various Projects (Sidewalks, Small Area Repairs, Striping).

Mr. Williams stated that the sidewalk replacements, small area repairs and striping would be re-bid in the spring.

6. Discussion of N. Ky. Cities' Sewer Lateral Lawsuit.

Mr. Williams advised members of a multiple City lawsuit that is taking place regarding the Sanitation District and various Northern KY. City's to seek judgment from a court to resolve questions regarding the maintenance of sewer laterals within the public right of way. He advised that approximately 95% of all sewers drain into the right of way, and that the City had taken care of lateral lines from the right of way to the street and the homeowners were responsible for lateral lines from the house to the street. He advised that the S.D.1. Board states that the Cities will have to fix the street after repairs are completed. He further stated that lateral lines in the right of way are private. Mayor Meier asked whether the City has documentation on past events relating to taps. Mr. Williams advised yes, that the City was fixing the laterals based on City minutes. (Mr. Berling verified this). Discussion regarding the possible outcome ensued. Mr. Dorsey stated that he thought the City should join the lawsuit. Mayor Meier stated that the down side of the issue is that ½ of all residents live on a dedicated street and the remainder on private streets which would not help them out. He further stated that other Cities would benefit more than Crestview Hills residents. Mr. Sommerkamp stated that maybe Kenton County should sign onto the lawsuit and represent all of the City's. Further discussion ensued. A motion was made to join the lawsuit and was unanimously passed.

The meeting concluded @ 4:30 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th @ 3:30 P.M