

04/27/2022

The special meeting of the Stuart City Council and the Special Joint Meeting of the Stuart City Council and Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cook and Utility Board Chairman Gulbranson. Present were Council Members Kalbach, Kirkpatrick, Doely, and Renslow. Present were Utility Board Members Belden, Jones, Russell, and Avey. Also present were City Administrator Ashour, Utility Superintendent Howey, Deputy Clerk Morgan, Dustin Foster, Ben Stouffer, Trevor Nelson, Kory Guisinger, Jim Henderson, Bob Cook, Forrest Aldrich, and Chip Schultz.

Moved by Councilmember Renslow, seconded by Councilmember Kirkpatrick to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The City Council and the Utility Board discussed the use of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds (total to be received \$257,512.89). City Administrator Ashour informed the Council and the Board that there is already \$76,916.66 of the funds allocated to the sewer (\$27,300.00 for Sewer Manhole Project Engineering fees) and the Police Department (\$49,616.66 for radios and computers), leaving \$180,596.23 remaining from the ARPA Funds. The City Council and the Utility Board also discussed the Water System Improvements Project that is being undertaken by the Utilities and discussed the possibility of using TIF Funds to fund the Utility's Water System Improvements Project.

Moved by Councilmember Renslow, seconded by Councilmember Doely to use the remaining ARPA Funds (\$180,596.23) for the Sewer Manhole Project and to refer the possibility of using TIF Funds for the Utility's Water System improvements Project to City/Utility Financial Advisor Chip Schultz with Northland Securities.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The City Council and the Utility Board discussed Agenda Item No. 6 "City Financial Advisor Chip Schultz / Update on Potential Funding for Upcoming Projects."

City/Utility Financial Advisor Chip Schultz with Northland Securities made a presentation to the Council and the Utility Board regarding potential funding for upcoming projects.

The Utility Board discussed their Water Purchase Agreement with Xenia Rural Water and the possibility of extending the agreement to 25 years (17 years remaining on the current contract with an 8-year extension).

Moved by Board Member Jones, seconded by Board Member Avey to approve extending the Water Purchase Agreement with Xenia Rural Water to 25 years (17 years remaining on the current contract with an 8-year extension) and to refer the item to Utility Attorney DuWayne Dalen with Fenneseth, Dalen, and Powell, PLC.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Utility Board adjourned at 6:36pm.

The City Council discussed the Cemetery Committee and the mowing of the North and South Oak Grove Cemeteries.

Moved by Renslow, seconded by Kirkpatrick to dissolve the Cemetery Committee effective immediately due to the Cemetery Committee not following the direction of the City Council and not informing City staff of committee meetings.

Roll Call:     Ayes: Kirkpatrick, Doely, Renslow  
                  Nays: Kalbach

Motion Carried

Moved by Kalbach, seconded by Doely to approve the mowing contract for the mowing of the North and South Oak Grove Cemeteries to Countryside Lawn Solutions for the amount of \$31,500.00 per year for the 2022 and 2023 mowing seasons.

Roll Call:     Ayes: Kalbach, Doely  
                  Nays: Kirkpatrick  
                  Abstain: Renslow

Motion Carried

City Engineer Forrest Aldrich with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. made a presentation to the Council regarding the status of the White Pole Road Project. Forrest asked the Council for their direction on the agreement made with Fort Dodge Asphalt Company for the amount of \$117,938.08 on the temporary slurry seal fix for White Pole Road.

Moved by Renslow, seconded by Kirkpatrick to cancel the agreement with Fort Dodge Asphalt Company for the amount of \$117,938.08 for the temporary slurry seal fix for White Pole Road and to pursue a longer lasting fix for White Pole Road.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deputy Clerk Morgan.

Dick Cook, Mayor

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John Gulbranson, Utility Board Chairman

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