

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

June 9, 2014

The Board of Public Works of the City of Rensselaer met on June 9, 2014 in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall. President Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Answering roll call were: President Stephen Wood; Deputy Secretary Linda DeMoss; Board Members Scott Barton, Ernest Watson, Jr.; City Attorney Representative Jessica Arnold; Police Chief Jeff Phillips; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Robert Blankenship with the Rensselaer Republican was absent..

Also in attendance were: Carol Lockridge, Chris Pope and Jen Grawcock with United Consulting. Kenny Haun came in at 5:40.

The May 12, 2014 regular board minutes were presented and unanimously approved upon a motion by Barton and second by Watson.

Presentation for Completion of Saint Gaspar Drive in Drexel Parkway-United Consulting: Wood asked United Consulting to give their presentation. Chris Pope said the project would be to finish the roadway, which is a connection of the horseshoe drive and supply water and sewage to the outlying lots that are still undeveloped. Wastewater runs on the south side of the road so that would require boring under the road. The engineering has not been done yet, Pope said, but they do know that there is rock out there. The preliminary budget for the project is calculated with conservative estimates. Barton stated that the estimates for both trenches are for having to dig into rock. Pope said yes, they are sure, going by previous project there is rock and the retention pond was in the rock. Lockridge said they dug several holes and that the more north you go, the rock went deeper, and south, closer to Drexel, it was more shallow. Pope said that the Geotechnical is soil sampling and a couple of cores on the rock. Pope said it is like an insurance policy because when you determine how hard and deep the rock is, you can let the contractors that are bidding on the job know what they have to do to get through the rock and it should keep the costs low. The total estimated construction cost is \$750,000.00 and the total professional service fee is \$102,100.00 with a total estimated project cost of \$852,100.00. Watson asked about the thickness of the road. Since no one knows what is going back there Watson wanted to know if it would allow for delivery trucks. Pope said it would be a light commercial type road. Haun said they have twelve lots. Wood said this is the last phase of this project. Wood asked for a vote to move forward with the project. Barton said that he has concerns about developing personal property with city funds. Haun said that in 1993, the Redevelopment Commission agreed to develop Drexel Park which included roadways, etc. The horseshoe was never complete. The Redevelopment Commission met today and approved to finish out the horseshoe. Barton asked if we are under a legal contract. Haun said he would not say it is a legal contract, but it's an obligation to the college. Wood said it's for the park. The city agreed to improve the park and do the improvements to the park with the TIF money. Wood said the money has grown to where the city can now afford to do it. Wood said this is the last phase of this project and once they sell the lots there will be more TIF money coming in from the TIF area. Barton said that he loves St. Joe and wants to see them prosper. Barton said we have now annexed out to the interstate and if we do this for them, will we have to do it for the ones out by I65. Wood said this was set up in a special taxing district in 1993 and the city is obligated to build the roads. Barton said he wants to see where the city is legally obligated to do this. Haun said he has the documents in his office. Barton said he has asked to see the paper work and he has not seen it. Watson said that they need a copy of the paper work. Wood told Haun to go get copies of it. The Council moved on to the next item on the agenda, while Haun went to get the copies.

Fireworks Display for Jasper County Fall Festival-Jeff Phillips: Phillips stated that he had a permit request to allow fireworks at the Jasper County Fall Festival. It is scheduled for August 22 thru the 24. They plan on doing the fireworks on August 23. Barton made the motion to approve the fireworks display, second by Watson. The motion passed unanimously.

Update of Pay Request #16-Clark Dietz: Lockridge said that pay request #16 had been submitted and approved in the amount of \$33,122.23. Once it was sent down to state, there was not enough funds to cover the full pay request. Lockridge said that when the engineer contacted the state to find out what was left in the grant, they didn't realize there was an invoice still out, so that left a shortage of \$17,306.00. Lockridge said he would like approval to pay for it out of Water Improvement and when they get done they will be able to reimburse the Water Improvement through the SRF Funds. Barton said that he has an issue with this. Clark-Dietz is in control of all of its receipts that they send down to state and they missed \$17,000.00, so they miscalculate their own funds that they turn in! Lockridge said several people missed it. It was not just one person. Watson asked if the city has had any problems before. Lockridge said they had

problems on the Streetscape. Watson said the city has no choice. Wood made the motion to pay #16 Pay Request out of Water Improvement, second by Watson. The motion passed unanimously.

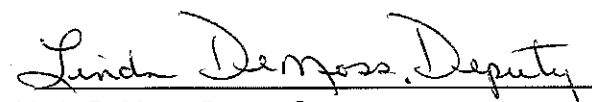
Back to Presentation for Completion of Saint Gaspar Drive in Drexel Parkway-United Consulting:
Haun passed out Resolution RC2-93. Upon reviewing Resolution RC2-93, Barton said that since they had something in writing showing the obligation, he did not have a problem with proceeding with the roadway. There was a motion made by Wood, second by Barton to contract with United Consulting to finish the road. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Barton, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Stephen A. Wood, President

ATTEST:



Linda DeMoss, Deputy Secretary