

POST COUNCIL REPORT

For the meeting of 08/08/2016

Council Comments/Questions/Concerns

- ❖ This meeting was to vote to educate the public on the fee that the Council agreed to enact as part of the FY2017 budget. The money was to be used for the Cambridge/Shire project, the Brentwood Ditch/Lippi project and the Brentwood Ditch/Tharp project, as all three projects fall under the Storm Water heading. Jim Wolf has reported the need for Storm Water Fees regularly in his financial reports and Jim Warning has reported the need in his audit reports the last several years. It has also been on the Future Agenda and been mentioned by Mike Guerra and previous City Managers on many occasions. It was also discussed in detail at the budget work session, and individually, with several council members.

http://www.ci.pekin.il.us/files/document/pdf/Public_Works/TCRPC_SWU_Study_Summary_-_v2.pdf

The above link to the Storm Water feasibility study has been on the City webpage for some time.

- ❖ The City has a policy which states that the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Transportation Director and Public Works Director live within the City limits. We do not currently have a City Manager, Assistant City Manager, nor do we have a Public Works Director. The Chiefs and Transportation Director do, in fact live within the City limits. This issue has been arbitrated frequently within the state of Illinois and the rules the City has for residency are in compliance with those arbitration decisions. City staff has been cognizant of those decisions and has negotiated residency accordingly.
- ❖ Councilman Orrick complained about potholes not being filled. The Street Department is still short 3 people from the highest of 12. However, at one point, we had six college students helping in the summer. Two men were hired one year to do nothing but brick roads. Two of those were done and already are in bad shape again due to settling. During the Tebben and Hirstein years, there was talk of overlaying the brick streets, but due to citizen response, they were left alone, however, it was decided that no money would be put toward the streets due to the cost of upkeep.

Public Comments/Questions

- ❖ Mr Bramham questioned the need for the storm water fee. Road flooding, catch basin repairs, ditch and culvert repairs, curb and gutter repairs are all a part of storm water maintenance. With more and more torrential rains causing damage and overload to aging infrastructure, the need becomes more apparent.
- ❖ Mr McNish questioned the City's safety procedures. Safety meetings are done on a regular basis to discuss each accident involving an employee, vehicle or public property. Pekin, like every other municipality has good years and bad years. It is important to remember that the City employees are first responders in emergency situations, inclement weather and situations where there is higher risk and many variables that are not always within our control. The safety

committee, managers and supervisors consider all of these factors in accident reviews and determines if there is anything that could be been done differently in the future or further training is needed among other things.

Respectfully,

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