

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 24, 2022

Charles City city council met in a planning session on August 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Patrick Lumley, DeLaine Freeseaman, Phoebe Pittman and Phillip Knighten. Absent was Keith Starr. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

Will Knecht, owner of Main Street Car Wash, was present to discuss his application for Façade funding. He wants to remove the brick structures that used to be car vacuum stations and tuck point all mortar joints. The total of the project is \$8028.73 and he is asking for 50% which is \$4014.37. His brother is the contractor and H and K Masonry is doing the tuck pointing. This application has been reviewed by the design committee and they are recommending approval. This will be on the next regular council meeting for action.

A street closing request has been received from Larry DeBoest for a tractor show on September 17. They want to close the section of 13th Avenue in front of DeRailed and go down to the first house driveway to the east, which is approximately one block. It would be closed from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The gas station will still have access and the other homes on this street as well. This item will be on the next regular agenda for council action.

Lance Aldrich, from FOX Strand Engineering, was present to review change order #9 for the WRRF project. It includes 5 items: 1) adding a water line in existing control building, \$3158.97; 2) replacing the pipe that was not qualified as being American made with piping made from HDPE, \$31745.31; 3) replace diffusers that got plugged up, \$6000.75; 4) install fillets in the wet well to alleviate grit accumulation, \$21079.50 and 5) install check valve in the control building, \$17010.93. The total of this change order is 78995.46. When all of the necessary materials come in, the contractor will come back and finish it all at once. Wastewater superintendent Dan Rimrod commented that the new facility is working properly. The reed beds will be installed this week and he does not worry as much now when we get a heavy rain. City administrator Diers commented that the DNR will come back and inspect the project to be sure we are complying with all of the program requirements. Once we get a clear inspection, we can then draw down the rest of the SRF loan. Once all of the punch list items are complete, we will then receive the one million dollars of loan forgiveness. We will also need to do some additional testing on the diffusers and this is best done when the river is low.

Staff has been working on a 28E agreement with the Floyd County Soil and water conservation district to help facilitate best conservation practices projects with area landowners. Doug Johnson, our grant coordinator, has several projects that he would like to see completed yet this fall, so we will be acting on this agreement at our next regular meeting. We won't be doing any SRF only funded projects because the city would not have any authority to enforce the ongoing maintenance that will be required of the landowners. We need to have state and federal funds in order to force compliance. The final version of this agreement will be distributed for the September 7 meeting since there were a few minor changes made today to it. City attorney Slotter and Eric Dirth from the attorney general's office have worked together to draft this agreement.

City administrator Diers reported that discussion has been held with the contractor re-planting the reed beds at the WRRF project. Staff has been exploring the possibility of using wood chips for bio reactor. The problem is that T and W Grinding does not do chipping, so another firm has been identified. If this works out, we would separate out our ash trees we are cutting down to be chipped. Parkside is doing construction on four more lots right now and will be doing three more this fall.

Council member Lumley reported that the EMS Advisory board briefed the board of supervisors this past Monday and had lots of discussion with them. The August 29 meeting will be when the board votes on this. It is planned to reach out to inform civic groups, do radio spots and go to the other cities in Floyd County to inform them of this EMS levy before the public vote in November.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk