

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSON & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF FAIRMONT NEBRASKA

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

A Special Meeting of the Chairperson and Board of Trustees for the Village of Fairmont was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Village Hall, 635 6th Ave, Fairmont NE. Notice of the meeting was given in advance according to proper notification. Chairperson Dennis R. Melby called the meeting to order. Clerk Linda J. Carroll recorded the minutes. Board members present upon roll call were: Donald A. Moses, Jack R. Slocum, David R. Seggerman and Chairperson Melby. Absent: Trustee Pfenning. Chairperson Melby noted that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall for public inspection and review. Visitors to the meeting were: Kevin Kruse, Randy Mierau, Butch Long, Bobby Hoeft, Jeff Neiman, Joe Moller, Wanda Marget, Linda Chambers and Jan Bright. The purpose of the special meeting was to review preliminary plans for storm sewer improvements, information on the budget, fire truck and tree planting request.

KEVIN KRUSE-JEO STORM SEWER

Kevin discussed the following with the board: 1) Since CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant was denied because of survey, if the board would wish to continue on with the project, then local funding (tax levy) would be needed for the project; 2) Reviewed current storm sewer and drainage throughout town 3) Goal of project is to change the village's open ditch system to a closed curb and gutter storm sewer system.

Currently the proposed project is looking at north side of town; main drainage area (area by post office, F St and 7th Ave, drainage ditch along 8th Street) and 3rd & I St.

North side of town – 1)Infrastructure by water tower has storm sewer pipes collapsed or silted in and ponding problems at intersection of 6th Ave & B St. and at 6th Ave & C St; 2)There is not enough slope coming up from the existing pipe at 5th & C to extend storm sewer to 6th & B, this results in a lack of ground cover for a pipe along this area. 3) To assist with the ponding at 6th & B St. the curb will be cut and a shallow diagonal swale will be made across the area by the water tower and at 6th & C St. the ditch along C St. will be regraded; 4) This will not drain immediately, but should drain in a couple of hours; 5)One main problem is the culvert under the railroad and highway and it would be difficult to get the work done on the railroad portion in the proposed time frame-so the best option at this time would be to have a contractor clean out (jetting) the existing culverts under the railroad and highway.

Main drainage area – 1)This portion would start just west of the post office (at the alley); 2) Ditch by village shop is proposed to remain open to reduce the cost of the project, however a flared end section and bar grate would be placed in this area so debris will not enter the pipe. This bar grate may need periodic cleaning; 3) Storm sewer pipes in this area will be placed under the north curblin of E St. and will extend easterly to 7th Ave.4) The current open drainage ditch behind properties located south of F Street between 6th & 7th Ave. will be filled in to be a low swale so this area will drain to the street right of

way instead of behind the property; 5) Since the area (8th Ave.) has such little fall, a minimum 42" pipe would be needed to meet the recommendations (Department of Roads Drainage and Erosion Control Manual which recommends planning for a five year storm event).; Water is measured in cubic feet per second (cfs) and one 42" pipe is equivalent to 55 cfs 6) A 42" pipe would not fit into the area on 8th Ave; one option would have been to split the flow at the intersection of 7th Ave. & E St. however, because of utilities located on 7th Ave would make it difficult to put a pipe in, so the next option would be to put multiple 24" round equivalent pipes side by side down 8th Ave. One 24" pipe is 19-20 cfs, discussion on this topic resulted in choosing two pipes side by side to achieve approximately 40 cfs capacity;. 7) If streets are improved (hard surfaced) then the inlets would be modified with a hooded grate; 8) To assist with heavier rains future plans for hard surfacing would be to install curb inlets at every intersection and generally the slope would be running to the south and storm water in excess of what can be collected in the storm sewer system would run south down in the gutters eventually discharging into the open ditch just south of I St.. -towns like Fairmont that are very flat and storm sewer infrastructure cannot be built to meet the recommendations and for this reason there still be water flowing in the streets for larger storm events.

3rd and I Street 1) This area was to be included the earlier street improvements on 3rd Street but due to costs was not completed. This project will include the extension of an existing storm sewer pipe southerly to the existing ditch just southwest of 3rd and I; 2) Maintenance in this area has become a problem due to the steep slopes on the existing ditch. The extension of storm sewer will eliminate this ditch and make maintenance in this area much easier.

Other items to discuss: 1) Proposing to use concrete pipes, rather than corrugated metal pipes, as concrete pipe is stronger and smooth on inside and take more water through it. Also allows the use of round equivalent of arch pipe. These pipe shapes allow for larger flow areas for a given pipe height. 2) Salvage pipe could go to contractor, the village or property owner; 3) Seeding or sodding; 4) Cost estimate is \$735,000 for construction; 5) Timing for project considering the CDBG funding schedule; 6) NRD (Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District) funds in the amount of \$187,500 - these funds must be used by June 2011, and it is a 75% local match; 7) Kevin will put the storm sewer projects in phases which could be done over a period of time as funding becomes available if the board wishes to proceed in that manner; 8) Phase 1 would include address specific problem areas and start at downhill of overall improvement: 3rd and I St.; 5th & B/6th C; 8th Ave from I St. to G St. (Possibly F St.); 9) Phase 2 would complete the overall improvement: 8th Ave from G St. (of F St.); F St. 7th to 8th Ave; 7th Ave E to F St.; E St. 5th to 7th ; 10) Initial funds which could be available with a \$1.00 property tax levy and NRD funds could be \$ 437,500 for the first phase and \$421,363 for the second phase . Other phases could be constructed as tax dollars and possible CDBG funding would apply. Kevin will report back at the September 14th board meeting and is hopeful to have construction plans completed by the October meeting.

RANDY MIERAU, CPA BUDGET REVIEW

Village accountant Randy Mierau reviewed the budget document and tax levy with the board: 1) Village is under two different lids, one being restricted funds lid (property tax, etc.) which cannot grow over 3.5%. Exceptions would be bonds and capital improvements. 2)The storm sewer would fall under the capital improvements. 3)The second lid is a levy limit, which is limited to \$0.45/ \$100 valuation, with \$0.05 for interlocal (Fairmont Rural Fire Dept. uses the interlocal portion); 4)Have visited with John Trecek, Ameritas and the State Auditors office on bonding for the storm sewer project; 5) Working with tax call on a \$1.00 levy and valuation of \$65,297,883 would bring in general fund of \$293,840.47 and bond fund of \$359,138.36. Of these funds \$475,000 would be used for the storm sewer improvements, plans and specifications.

LIBRARY BOARD

Jan Bright and Linda Chambers visited with the board regarding the library budget: 1)Merit raise the library board requested at the August meeting was separate from increasing the hours at the library and offering a full-time position; 2) Library board felt if the library hours were expanded it would allow additional access to library patrons to computers and give kids a place to go; 3) The library director currently works between 25 – 27 hours a week, plus allowed 2 hours a week for web page; 4) Village board is currently not considering a full-time library position, but stated that if the library board is interested in proceeding in that direction, they should come back in May 2010 prior to working on the budget with facts and additional information supporting their reasoning.

FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Fire Chief Bobby Hoeft requested the board approve the purchase of a demonstrator tanker in the amount of \$163,983.00. Assistant Chief Jeff Neiman stated previous grants have been applied for and the grant scoring is based on replacement not expanding a fleet, along with the age of the vehicles. Fairmont will be keeping the existing tanker so a grant for a new tanker would be considered expanding a fleet; and with the purchase of the pumper (rural board) and other equipment Fairmont's fleet is consider somewhat updated. Joe Moller from Toyne Fire Apparatus, Breda IA, stated the village received a \$5,000 discount because the rural board purchased a pumper truck from Toyne. Fire department personnel will discuss where all vehicles will be stored at the fire barn and the rescue unit building. Melby moved and Seggerman moved to approve the purchase of a Toyne 2300 Gallon Tanker as specified with Kenworth Chassis and equipment for the price of \$168,983, less a \$5,000 discount since a pumper was purchased from Toyne Fire Apparatus by the Fairmont Rural Fire Protection District. Voting aye: Melby, Seggerman, Moses and Slocum. Absent: Pfenning. Motion carried. Delivery will be 45 – 60 days.

RESOLUTION #2009-10 – TREE PLANTING REQUEST

A proposal from Jack Harris for planting of two trees in the east sidewalk space of 505 9th Ave was reviewed by the board. Slocum moved and Moses seconded to approve RESOLUTION #2009-10 authorizing the placement of two trees in the sidewalk space of 505 9th Ave, Fairmont NE. Voting aye: Slocum, Moses, Seggerman and Melby. Absent: Pfenning. Motion carried.

ROAD REPAIRS

Utility Sup. Butch Long reviewed information for proposals from Burton's and Patch Master for patching the holes and an asphalt overlay two blocks on F Street on the south side of the school. Butch will contact both contractors for additional information and report back to the board at the September 14th meeting.

Slocum moved and Melby seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Voting aye: Slocum, Melby, Moses and Seggerman. Absent: Pfenning. Motion carried.

DENNIS R. MELBY, CHAIRPERSON

LINDA J. CARROLL, CMC
CLERK/TREAS.