



Public Services Board Minutes
City of Marion
Thursday, September 29th, 2022

1. Call to Order.

The Public Service Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Thursday, September 29th, 2022, at 12:10pm, in the City of Marion Public Service Boardroom located at 195 35th St, Marion IA with Chairman Craig Adamson presiding.

2. Roll Call.

Board members present – Craig Adamson, Colleen Prokop, Tom Padley, and Joe Spinks.

Board members absent: Mark Morgan

Special Guest: Randy Strnad.

3. Motion to approve minutes of the August 2022 Public Service meeting.

Moved by Joe Spinks, second by Colleen Prokop. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Motion to approve request for reimbursement for damaged refuse container.

a. Freeman – 3363 Edgebrook Drive

Ryan talked to the PS Board about the request made by Mr. Freeman for the cost of \$26.74 for the replacement of his damaged refuse container. Craig asked if we have a dollar limit on the reimbursement amount to pay for damaged refuse containers? The decision of the PS Board is to refund Mr. Freeman \$15.00, because the can was overweight, Matt Morris went out to weight the can and it was 46lbs. Craig requested a motion to reimburse Mr. Freeman \$15.00 be made. Collen made the motion to reimburse Mr. Freeman \$15.00 for damaged refuse container due to being overweight. Moved by Colleen Prokop, second by Joe Spinks. All in favor, motion carried. We will send a letter to Mr. Freeman along with the check. The check will be processed on 10/20/22.

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5. Public Services Work Schedule Update.

John Hughes gave the PS Board the update on the PS Work Schedule for the current year.

- Gil – Lindale trail to the trail head, PS did the paving and Parks helped by driving trucks with supplies. Craig asked Randy about the bike trail crossing on Lindale Dr. it is very dangerous as cars do not always stop for bike / walkers crossing at flashing light, is there any plans to have a bridge or tunnel installed at this location. Once the trails are connected to Cedar Rapids it will have more traffic and there is a safety concern here.
- Bruce Road west of 10th Street.
- Elim Drive south of Grand Avenue.
- W 8th Avenue bridge.
- 1000 block of Hutton Hill Drive.
- North side of 31st Street and McGowan Blvd.
- S 26th St and Grand Avenue.
- 1100 block of 14th Street.
- 29th Avenue and Highland Drive.
- 500 block of 19th Street intakes / manholes were broken.

Question was asked about how we decide what is repaired this year or gets put on a future list. John explained that after he gets his list together, they met with the Engineering Department to compare lists. PS only takes care of milling for patch work and curb repairs. If on the Engineering list we will televise storm and sewer lines before work is planned, so they have a better idea what needs to be done. We are having problems getting concrete delivered due to no drivers and they do not work overtime, we must plan and order about 2 days out. This repair work is not in the CIP budget, part of regular maintenance work program. Also need to take care of reactive repairs as they come up.

The PS Board and staff talked about asphalt verses concrete and wanted to know if we can do a study on the two types of roads and see if one lasts longer then the other? Ryan stated he can talk to Rachel – GIS Data Analyst to pull the information and will get back to the PS Board with information at a future meeting.

6. Motion to approve extension to commercial collection contract with ABC Disposal.

Ryan updated the PS Board about the contract we currently have with ABC Disposal since 2017 they have not raised their fees and are very conscientious company and have done a great job with service and any concerns. They would like to raise their fees to \$80.00 / month and that includes solid waste and cardboard pick up 2 times per week at all dumpsters. Moved by Tom Padley, second by Joe Spinks. All in favor, motion carried.

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7. Update on Solid Waste Study Activities.

Ryan updated the PS Board on what SCS Engineers will be looking at, how everything is done from disposal of solid waste and recycling, our recycling center and compost areas. The next step will be the following:

- Focus groups (multiple groups)
- PS Board
- City Council
- Residents
- Open house
- Information sessions
- Solid Waste Agency
- They are also talking to Amber about the citizen response to city surveys, with the city getting about 30% return.

8. Update on Public Services Facilities.

Ryan updated the PS Board about the Public Services Facilities that the bids on the New Public Service facility are due on November 17th (time TBD) so they can get on the agenda for the City Council on November 30th and award to contractors could be December 8th. Ryan will keep the PS Board updated on the timeline. The contractor has stated to repair the roof on the current PS Building, they received some screws at this time. Ryan is working on updates to the site plan for the land off 44th Street where old wood dump site was, talking to Fire Department and others about the use the land. The USDA would help with a renewable fuel station.

9. Other Business.

Talking to some businesses that might have an interest in our current building.

Talking to the CR/LC Solid Waste agency about future yard waste recycle program.

Craig asked the question would the City of Marion be open to keeping the landfill open if the diverted some of the solid waste somewhere else? Craig would like to have groups working together on a solution for this problem.

What can we do with the land once the landfill closes?

Craig passed on the Randy his and the PS Board's gratitude for what the City Council, Medco and Chamber for all the hard work they do for the city.

Randy expressed his gratitude to all the boards and commission for all their hard work and dedication to the city, he is also excited about the growth of the city.

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10. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 1:27PM by Craig Adamson. Motion approved by Tom Padley, second by Colleen Prokop. All in favor, motion carried. Next meeting 3th Thursday in October 20th.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Miller
Public Service Director

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