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4. Open forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item. None
5. City Administrator Report. With snow in the forecast Beimer said that the City crews will be continuously plowing all night with a split rotation schedule. Work on the FY16 budget has started. Beimer said that he would like to start discussions going over the CIP portion of the budget tonight. Explaining the worksheet given to Council Beimer said that there are some FY15 projects that won't get started until the end of the FY when the construction season starts, probably sometime in April or May. Payments for those projects won't be accounted for until FY16. Looking at the Capital Improvement Plan Beimer pointed out some projects that been moved ahead of schedule and some that have already been completed such as 7th Street Reconstruction project. At a previous meeting Council was asked what projects they wanted to see plugged into the FY16 budget and that will be part of the agenda #7 discussion. The City's insurance will cover most of the costs of the pump and motor for well #9. The City has been working with Justin Campbell, Shive Hattery, on the completion of the roundabout project. To date it is about 85% complete. The State then does a final audit after which the City should receive about \$70k back in retainage fees. We should be receiving the audit in about 30 days. Beimer suggested having a budget work session on Monday, 1-12-15 at 6:30 p.m. He continued saying that he did not see the need to have all parties receiving City support explain their budgets; only those that are asking for more than they have in the past. Work continues on the application of FEMA funds regarding the costs associated with the June storm and cleanup. Even though the Unions have not contacted the City regarding the City's contract proposal the figures have been worked into the budget. The traffic signals at the corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue will be handled by Anderson Bogart as that is the engineering firm who started the work on the project. The City hasn't received any information from the County on what will be received from property taxes. This will be the first year for the 5% commercial tax decrease which will be offset by the State and will continue with an additional 5% each year for the next three years. At that time the State will discontinue backfilling and the City will be on their own. Council agreed to meet Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to continue discussing the FY16 budget.

6. Engineering Update Report. Dave Schechinger of Veenstra & Kimm gave a brief summary of the engineering projects being worked on. Work continues on the 3rd and 5th Avenue Reconstruction projects with the big issue being ADA compliant. Preliminary cost estimates were prepared for both streets. Preliminary design is underway and will be reviewed by Council in February. Construction is slated to begin in July, 2015. A preliminary cost estimate was prepared for the Lisbon Road overlay with an option to add curb, gutter and storm sewer on the east end. The Bryant Park Well project is close to completion. Following Council review the report will be submitted to the IDNR. An estimate of \$2,000.00 was received from Vessco to conduct a detailed inspection of the water plant filter. Preliminary plans for a sewer rehab/replacement for the Shepley and Mehaffey sewer projects will be ready for review in a few weeks. Bid solicitation is anticipated to be in March with construction to follow in late April or May. The City has received their draft NPDES permit. This includes compliance schedules for testing and monitoring several items. The draft permit contains a public notice that must be posted and published within 15 days of the date on the draft permit letter. Regarding disinfection compliance and possible ammonia reduction, Schechinger commented that after a permit was finalized, the City would most likely have three years to achieve compliance. Roudabush asked if there were any grandfathering exceptions for older communities in regard to the 3rd and 5th Avenue projects. Schechinger said there are exceptions when not possible but didn't think that it would be approved in this case.
7. Discussion of CIP Plan (budget portion) for FY2016: Timing/Costs/Priorities. Beimer said that, depending on the complexity of the 3rd and 5th Avenue projects it looks to be a full construction season and also carrying over into calendar year 2016. Council was asked to identify the projects they would like to see in the FY16 budget. Taylor said there hasn't been anything done with the sidewalk project for over a year. Beimer said he had included that in the budget. Schechinger pointed out a potential issue; on Hwy 1, south of the Hwy 30 roundabout there are utilities between the roundabout and the interchange. If the IDOT widens this to a five lane section, as they proposed, the City would be responsible for relocating them. Taylor suggested adding landscaping to the center of the roundabout. Beimer said that the IDOT owns it right now so any additions would need their approval. Council agreed to meet Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to continue working on the budget.
8. Old Business.
9. New Business. A snow emergency has been called from 10:00 p.m. tonight until snow removal operations have been completed. On Thursday, January 8, 2015, there will be a Community Leaders Breakfast at Gwen's at 7:30 a.m. The public is invited.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 8:05 p.m., January 5, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator