

UTILITY COMMITTEE
May 7, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Kohler, Hegy and Carroll

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, Utility Director Rhodes, Plant and Collection Systems Director Piquett

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period – None.

Release of Electric and Utility Easement – In the platting of the Mount Vernon Estates Subdivision, a ten-foot wide electric and utility easement was granted on Lot 14. The easement was to serve a street light, however the street light was never installed (as part of the street light reduction program). In the interim, the developer submitted a rezoning request to develop the lot for single family instead of two family and move the lot line slightly to the west. As a result, there is an easement with no practical use that impinges somewhat on the developable portion of the lot, and is hurting the salability of the lot. Staff discussed the future easement with both the City Engineer and the Utilities Director, and neither see a potential use for the easement.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler recommending to the Common Council release of a ten-foot wide electric and utility easement on the west side of Lot 14 of the Mount Vernon Estates Subdivision. MOTION CARRIED.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Utility Director Rhodes mentioned the electric service interruptions and water main break that occurred during the past month.

Customer-side Lead Water Service Laterals – City Administrator Volkert provided an update on the customer-side lead water service laterals program. The City is looking at the option of putting together a program that would assist residents that have lead laterals to identify them and afford the replacement of the laterals. Staff responded to questions relating to this item. The committee provided feedback to staff on the program, regarding being mandatory or voluntary and a loan versus grant.

Utility Power Poles Purchase – The 2018 CIP approves rebuilding the electric distribution system in the Pine Street and Grant Street area. As part of the rebuild, 21 wood poles will be replaced and the remainder will be placed in inventory for future projects. Utility poles are competitively bid through WPPI's joint purchasing program and Bell Lumber and Pole Company was awarded the contract for 2018.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending to the Common Council to purchase 47 utility poles from Bell Lumber and Pole Company at a cost not to exceed \$25,188. MOTION CARRIED.

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Wisconsin DNR Discharge Permit and Reissuance – Plant and Collection Systems Director Piquett provided information on the City's Wisconsin DNR discharge permit and reissuance, and responded to questions. The term of the permit will be 10/1/2018 – 9/30/2023.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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