

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 6:00pm
Yorkville City Hall, East Conference Room #337
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Chairman Craig Soling
Alderman Rusty Corneils

Alderman Joe Plocher

Absent: Alderman Dan Transier

Other City Officials

City Administrator Bart Olson, via Zoom
Assistant City Administrator Erin Willrett
Engineer Brad Sanderson, EEI

Public Works Director Eric Dhuse
Assistant Public Works Director John Sleezer
Alderman Chris Funkhouser, via Zoom

Other Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Chairman Craig Soling.

Citizen Comments: None

Previous Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented.

New Business:

1. PW 2025-65 Resolution Approving a Change Order to a Contract to Construct a 1,500,000 Gallon Standpipe and Water Main

Mr. Sanderson said last month the Council had approved the contract with CB&I to construct the standpipe for the south receiving area. A Change Order reduction of \$384,400 has been submitted. This is due to the modification of the guarantee which involves putting the standpipe into operation sooner than anticipated and in addition, an alternative design that results in a reduction in thickness of the tank steel. Alderman Plocher asked if the pylons would still be needed, however, Mr. Sanderson said the company has not provided that information yet. Mr. Soling asked if there could be a problem 50 or 60 years down the road. Mr. Sanderson replied the steel is thick on its own and the 25-year coating provides extra protection. He added that these tanks are built to last over 100 years. This moves forward to the City Council.

2. PW 2025-66 Illinois Railway, LLC License Agreement – East Alley Water Main Replacement Project

Engineer Sanderson said items 2 and 3 are similar. There are several water main replacement projects that will go out to bid next month. The projects will involve going under the railroad crossings and a license agreement is needed to do this. The agreement has been vetted by the City Attorney Orr and a one time license fee of \$4,000 is required. The committee agreed with the recommendation to approve this agreement and will move it forward to the consent agenda.

3. PW 2025-67 Illinois Railway, LLC License Agreements – 2025 Water Main Replacement Project

Mr. Sanderson said there are 4 separate license agreements for 4 crossings. The fee is slightly less at \$3,700 per crossing based on casing pipe size and the total is \$14,800. This will also move to the consent agenda.

4. PW 2025-68 Sewer Cleaning Truck Purchase

Director Dhuse said they had examined 3 units. He said the current equipment has experienced some maintenance issues and mechanical breakdowns, both of which he felt were on the manufacturer's end. He asked for feedback from the employees who use the equipment and all preferred the Vactor brand which are manufactured in LaSalle-Peru. They are single-engine trucks with hydraulic pumps which are quieter than a double engine truck. He said this is a 10-year purchase. Alderman Corneils asked if 10 years is the lifespan. Mr. Dhuse said the equipment is subjected to nasty environments and after that time, they start needing repairs. Chairman Soling asked if this is in the budget. The truck is \$35,000 over budget, but money was saved on the Blackberry Creek lift station generator replacement to apply to the purchase. This also includes the sludge pump and accessory lighting that was desired. This truck will be kept inside in the winter. This purchase moves forward to the City Council.

5. PW 2025-69 Cannonball Estates SSA Plan

Mr. Olson said an HOA member had contacted him saying the HOA is defunct and would no longer be doing maintenance in the subdivision and would turn it over to the city. He said there is an SSA in place so a levy can be filed. He asked Mr. Dhuse to prepare a maintenance budget. The city is now in the process of notifying the residents that the HOA is defunct. The letter will show the residents what the cost will be for the city to perform the maintenance or give them a chance to re-establish the HOA to continue the maintenance. Mr. Olson wanted to insure the committee was OK with the budget and the process. The Mayor also wanted to insure the city was covered as far as staff time which is not reflected in the budget. That factor will be added and the budget updated.

Chairman Soling asked if the SSA has an expiration date and if enough money is being budgeted. There is no expiration date and Mr. Dhuse said the figures were based on the pond maintenance costs in Sunflower. Alderman Funkhouser asked if the budget included the easement along Alyce and Cannonball which it does. He also questioned whether or not the residents should be given the option of maintaining their back yards instead of the HOA. Mr. Olson said the letter will give residents 30-45 days to respond and they will evaluate the back yard question from the responses. The committee will move this forward to City Council.

Old Business:

**1. PW 2025-62 Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement with Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
(2025 Stormwater Basin Inspections)**

Mr. Olson said he would like to push this matter until next month to allow the Mayor time to fully review the agreement.

Additional Business: None

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by
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