

# ADAMS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Public Works Committee was called to order November 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

On roll call were members Buchanan, Grooms, Cantu, Hilson, and Elkington

Others attending: Street Superintendent Kirslenlohr and Mayor Jungenberg-Klumb

**Motion by Grooms, Second by Cantu, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, meeting as printed. All voted aye.**

**Petitions and Communications Agenda Items:** None.

## **Agenda Items:**

*1. Discussion/Update Public Works*— St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr stated PW has been out with the leaf vac, the Village of Friendship rented our leaf vac for the next three days, graded all the gravel alleys, prepped for winter filling all the potholes, and doing some patching. PW is getting ready to hang Christmas lights and noted that we are down to 30 working decorations, and we have 52 light poles. PW will divide up the working decorations amongst those poles the best they can. Well #5 was back online for a half hour and had issues which BM Tech assisted PW with the issues. They discovered a fried circuit board and will get a new one by June 2024. BM Tech is not 100% but they are going to try to hard wire it to go around the electronic switch to allow Well #5 to run. The WWTP had a dialer issue, the water department is already on a temporary dialer, we are looking into that issue well. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr said they are looking into reprogramming the dialer/combining the dialers. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr applied for LRIP grant for doing Pine St to Park St, to Liberty St in front of the YMCA. The application is free, if we get it, we have five years to use it. Traffic Safety is looking into signage for the temporary closure of Brevoort St during bus loading and they will be discussing the possibility of reducing the speed from the railroad tracks to Dixie. More information on this will be available from the DOT at the next meeting. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr is looking at buying salt and sand for winter.

*2. Discussion/Recommendation Letter from Bob Ellisor 349 ½ S Walker St Water Bill Credit*— Discussion was had on the letter that Bob Ellisor submitted to the Mayor and no action was taken. Two Public works employees were let in by Mr. Ellisor, time sheets state when meter was put on the property.

*3. Discussion/Update Splash Pad MOU Adams County* – St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr gave an update on a letter and a follow up email to the letter that he sent to Cynthia, the County Administrator, of which he received no response back. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr will reach out to Cynthia, County Administrator, following up regarding his letter and email, and report back at the next meeting.

*4. Discussion/Recommendation Fluoride Usage in City Municipal Water* – Alderman Grooms discussed his concerns with cost, efficiency, and manpower to maintain the supplementation of our water with fluoride. Alderman Grooms stated if we can streamline a process we don't need to be doing or can stop doing we should consider. Alderman Grooms voiced that there is a liability adding fluoride to our water because we have to test the levels. The levels can be harmful when they are outside a very small level Alderman Grooms said, so there is a potential liability there. Alderman Grooms also brought up customer choice, and he said, "every toothpaste has fluoride in it." Alderman Grooms stated, "We should remove it and give our customers a choice of what goes in their body," he feels that's important. He stated "the City is under no obligation by law to put fluoride in our water. Alderman Grooms recommends that we consider discontinue putting fluoride in our water." St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr said a lot of municipalities are leaning to try

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this way, there is a strong pushback from the Dental Association. Fluoride is a supplement not a treatment for the water. There are studies saying it makes the bones more brittle depending on the level a person is getting, and too much at young age affects cognitive growth. PW tests fluoride levels every day and if fluoride and chloride mix in the air it can be deadly, we store ours in the same room. The minimum amount the City spends on fluoride is \$10,000/year. If PW didn't test for fluoride, it would save a minimum of five hours of manpower, a truck, pumps, etc., a week. **Recommendation by Grooms, Second by Elkington to send to Council for discussion/recommendation Concerning the practice of fluoride in municipal water supply. All voted aye.**

5. *Discussion/Recommendation Community Wellness Campaign Adams Grant Invitation/National Fitness Campaign* – St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr presented a video on fitness court which is the size of a basketball court. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr stated it would be ADA accessible. The cost ranges from \$135,000-\$237,500 depending on the option chosen that would remain after the initial NFC grant program funding. It's very new and modern so there could be a lot of interest. They will guide you through the whole process. Public Works Committee would like to know maintenance costs, deadlines, life expectancy, payment, and current municipalities that have it. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

6. *Discussion/Recommendation Outdoor Rec Plan*- St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr went through the outdoor rec plan descriptions with additions and priorities for each park.

7. *Discussion/Recommendation MSA Ann St Engineering Contract*– St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr presented what is included in the MSA contract for the project. **Recommendation by Cantu, Second by Grooms to send MSA Contract for Ann St to Finance. All voted aye.**

8. *Discussion/Recommendation Security Camera Quotes* – St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr got quotes for all the municipal buildings but is currently requesting for PW cameras, due to people coming and going on compost site, people dumping in dumpsters, and the front door is kept locked because we are not always in the front area. Alderman Buchanan questioned updating our infrastructure by replacing the gate. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr stated that he thought it would decrease the City's insurance's premiums possibly. **Recommendation by Grooms, Second by Cantu to send quotes and topic to Finance. All voted aye.**

9. *Discussion/Recommendation DSPS Inspection*- St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr discussed DSPS inspection, the Department of Safety Professional Safety which is like the OSHA for municipalities. DSPS noted that City is deficient in our operational safety books, they need to be up to code by December 31, 2023. However, DSPS stated that if St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr sends what they have done and let DSPS knows he needs more time to complete the rest. The big thing that needs to be done is the Safety Health Program, which probably needs to be discussed at Policy. Clerk McLarnan will reach out to the LWMMI to see if they can assist with the Safety Health Program. There needs to be some signage put up at WWTP, and some miscellaneous housekeeping things.

10. *Discussion/Recommendation 2024 Budget*- The Committee looked at the budget, St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr says he needs the numbers for the capital budget yet. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr pointed out where he figured in pay increases in his budget. Refuse and recycling is the biggest expense from the general fund. In 2023 the General Budget saw about an \$86,000 expense increase in refuse and recycling, which we have not recouped from the Taxpayers. St. Superintendent Kirslenlohr is questioning whether we need forestry, and Clerk McLarnan is looking into this.

11. *Discussion/Recommendation 2023 Budget Comparison Report* -Outside services contracted is high due to some issues that we had in the sewer and water department.

**Motion made to Adjourn by Cantu, Second by Grooms All voted aye.**

Tim Buchanan/jdj/jhk  
Committee Member

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** December 12, 2023, at 5:00PM Agenda items: Possible  
Splash Pad, Community Wellness, and DSPS Inspection

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