

**URBANA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

President Pro Tempore Paul called the City of Urbana Work Session to order at 6:00 pm.

**City Staff attending:** Community Development Manager Doug Crabill, Superintendent of Public Works Chad Hall, Mayor Bill Bean, Director of Administration Kerry Brugger, Director of Finance Chris Boettcher, City Engineer Tyler Bumbalough, Water Superintendent Joe Sampson, and Fire Chief Dean Ortlieb

**City Council:** President Hess, absent; Ms. Jumper, present; Mr. Scott, present; Mr. Paul, present; Ms. Truelove, present; Mr. Thackery, present; Ms. Collier, absent; and Ms. Bean, present.

**Future Capital Projects Overview**

Mr. Brugger stated that the list of infrastructure projects the City is planning are being budgeted for the next two to five years. The list was not intended to be all-inclusive. Mr. Brugger also stated that some of these projects are pretty well-committed due to taking multiple years of planning.

**Street Reconstruction/Paving**

Mr. Bumbalough stated that Miami Street has already had its preliminary legislation, with the final legislation to be introduced at the next meeting. The project is currently out to bid. Only one company has picked up the packet so far. Bids are due by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The S. High Street will be filed with ODOT tomorrow. It requires waiting for federal approval. It has been allotted for multiple years for construction, depending on when everything comes through. The main risk factor is utility interference with CT Communications not yet moving their lines. This project will go block-by-block with final paving at the end.

Mr. Bumbalough stated the asphalt program will include full depth reclamation for East Twain Avenue and Logan Street. This is the trucking route for Heritage and the City wishes to ensure these roads will last. Bloomfield Avenue and East Light Street are also on the paving list.

The next three ODOT paving projects have been scheduled for 2025-2027. The plan is to do the curb and gutter projects before paving. Also, there is the need to upsize the sanitary sewer on Oakland Avenue prior to that paving due to the demand by Trutech.

**Street and Traffic**

Mr. Bumbalough stated the City is dealing with aging signals, built around the year 2000. The main objective is to preserve the poles and some hardware. The City is on schedule to have a study completed in 2024.

Mr. Hall stated it has been estimated around \$3,000,000 for full replacement of all guts and signal heads. Typically, the City is budgeted around \$12,000 each year for signal repairs. The past five years have been drastically over budget.

Mr. Bumbalough stated the City has awarded the contracts for new curb ramps to DL Smith Concrete. A lot of this is funded through grant money. The goal is to make these areas ADA compliant. Construction is slated to start March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hall stated that the City has conducted a sign inventory of all City street signs. With the use of six to eight different questions, the City has created a condition report to know the status of all signs.

Mr. Hall also stated it is in the budget to replace the salt barn this year. It was cheaper to build a hoop style barn that it would be to replace the roof of the current barn. Also, the City is starting to look into a new garage and office complex, potentially in 2025. This would be a single complex to house everything. It would replace the current separate garage, shop, heated bay and office building. Finally, Mr. Hall added that the City is looking into replacing the current plow truck. He's unsure if it can be achieved and the City is looking into possible leasing. New plow trucks would run around \$200,000 after all the proper equipment is added.

Mr. Bumbalough stated the City is on track to address the trail crossing in 2025. An ODOT grant also paid for design. The Miami Street crossing would be slightly simpler, requiring better reflector lights. The Main Street crossing would involve narrowing the road to make the crossing shorter.

Mr. Bumbalough also stated the Gwynne Street Bridge, erected in 1973, is also on track to be addressed. The City has done some maintenance over the last ten years. Now, it is looking at the larger scale to address the main issues of water infiltration and rust. The goal is to replace the joints altogether and work on underdrains away from the metal. The engineering is preliminarily projected at \$40,000 to \$50,000 with the actual work itself estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

## **Water**

Mr. Hall stated the booster station replacement has already been bid out and the City is currently following the schedule.

The City will assume the ownership of the Old Troy Pike GAC in 2024. The City is currently under contract with the EES for a feasibility study.

A new water tower on the east side of the City near Dugan Place is in the preliminary planning stages. Mr. Sampson stated that it could cost upwards of \$8 to \$10 million.

The water line replacement projects are also in the planning stages. DEFA grant nominations are due next March. An issue for Eichelberger Drive is that all utilities are in the rear of the properties.

## **Sewer**

Mr. Hall stated that unfortunately, the City will have to come back through Miami Street after the fact to replace and upsize the interceptor at Miami Street due to potential Trutech expansion in the future. The Trutech pipe will need to be replaced and upsized to 6". It was installed in 1981 and is an oddball shape, making it impossible to find parts.

Mr. Hall stated the plant capacity is in good shape. The reason for these interceptor projects is to make sure the routing is alright and eliminating pinch points.

Lining improvements are also scheduled to be conducted in the next three years. The City did Monument Square and a block in each direction last year at night, which meant most people didn't even know the City did it.

## **Stormwater**

Mr. Hall indicated the South High Street reconstruction will add 88 catch basins. The railroad extension will eliminate a key pinch point and extend a previously capped line. The West Ward Street area is also one of the worst areas in the City for puddling.

Mr. Hall also stated the Maple Tree Holding Pond has been silted in. Water tends to go towards the property line, up to a couple of feet within a residential fence. He believed the City probably won't be able to do this in house as it does not have the equipment large enough to handle such a job.

## **Economic/Community Development**

Mr. Crabill stated that the next step for the Dugan Place TIF is for Mr. Bumbalough to certify that the infrastructure is deficient. He added that the conversation has been reopening with the school district. The preliminary proceeds from the TIF would be used toward developing the Lippencott Lane extension.

Mr. Crabill stated that the concepts plan focused on potential development around Dugan Place. The pre-annexation agreement is for the area of land across from La Palma. The current owners are looking to sell the property to someone who wishes to develop it.

## **Fire**

Mr. Bumbalough stated that after the paving and asphalt design was completed, the focus would shift to replace the concrete apron around the Municipal Building. This would stretch from Main Street to the drive approach at the parking lot. He stated the project would potentially install a catch basin to catch the water from washing fire trucks.

Chief Ortlieb stated in the training tower demolition, it was needed to create an egress and also to complete façade work. The Fire Division is also working on the previously approved medic. The big hang-up is the chassis. Ford is not giving any dates in when the chassis will be ready. Finally,

Chief Ortlieb stated it was in the budget this year to potentially go after a grant for a new ladder truck.

**Airport**

Mr. Brugger stated the City has been working with an FAA grant for the resurfacing of taxi lanes E & F. This grant will only fund the piece of the project that aircraft use during taxiing, not the local blacktop away from the direct taxiing path. This grant covers 90% of the eligible costs. The State covers 5% with the City covering the remaining 5% as well all of the ineligible costs. Part of the delay with this project was to make sure that all of the figures lined up.

Mr. Brugger informed Council that nothing was really moving with the Grimes hangar project. Other, more urgent, projects have jumped ahead of it. The roof and siding are starting to show issues. Mr. Brugger also stated the runway extension project was also theoretically still out there.

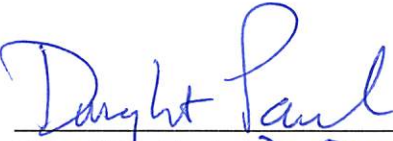
Members of Council thanked the City for all of their hard work and foresight to be able to plan out these infrastructure projects to keep the City running smoothly. Mayor Bean ended the work session by thanking the individual City departments for being excellent at their jobs and being able to handle such projects.

**WORK SESSION COMPLETED AT 7:32 p.m.**

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**  
March 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.



  
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Council Clerk

  
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Council President *Pro Tempore*