



Office of Jim Grafton
City Administrator ▪ Public Works Director

Date: 1-21-19

Re: Park, Building and Grounds and Finance Meeting

Attendance: Matt Carter, Rick Lohse, Josh Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Larry York, Kathy Hall, Tony Trulson, Caryn Unsicker, Jim Nelson, Tom Lupinski, Jim Grafton, Guest Ryan Wolber (ESG)

Location: City Hall 121 11th Street

The joint meeting was called to order at 5:32pm and it was noted a quorum was present for four agenda items.

The first agenda item was discussion on a new camera system for the City Hall building. Clerk Nelson reported that Global Wireless would provide and install 10 new cameras and hook up six existing cameras to a DVR system to monitor activities in and around the City Hall. Some of the cameras at City Hall are no longer working properly; new ones would have a 'zoom' feature. The DVR would make digital recordings of activities (for 30 days) and the system has the capability of viewing on a smart phone as well. The cost for the system is \$5,128. Clerk Nelson said that it could wait if the funds are not available with the current budget. Alderman York suggested we include public works (future building) for a bulk purchase. Jim noted that he would add to the existing system. Committee was in agreement to move forward with the recommendation (if funds are available) and the item would be placed on the COW agenda for 2-5-19.

The next agenda item was discussion on solar contracts with Blue Sky and Simple Ray. Alderman Dyer provided an overview of the interconnection permits; they are part of an application to the state to receive tax credits. Ben Eastep (his firm) intends to install a ground mount solar array; power purchase agreement for a number of years and guaranteed a cost per kWh. Blue Sky intends to install roof mount arrays on the fire station and City Hall. Jim explained that the interconnect permit is required to apply for the tax credits. No contracts would be required until results of the application are received. If the credits are not awarded then the solar plan would not happen. Alderwoman Unsicker asked how (Josh) found Blue Sky; through research and through his personal residence. Mayor Carter suggested that Alderman Dyer distance himself from voting. Alderman Lohse asked about the buy-out with the Eastep project; would we end up owning the array. Alderman Trulson made the motion to apply for the interconnection agreements with City Hall, Fire station and the police department. Committee was in agreement to move forward with the applications.

The next step in the process would be to look at specific terms of a contract. Jim asked what would be required to submit an application: Illinois Net Metering Application, an Interconnection Request Application Form, and a Term Sheet from the installers. There was discussion on specific incentives related to the solar array plans. It was suggested to replace the roof at City Hall and to get specifics on how the arrays would be attached to include plans and designs. Clarification as to maintenance and ownership of the roof mount units is also needed.

The next agenda item was discussion on a proposal from ESG. Ryan Wolber was in attendance to discuss the details of the proposal. He is with an energy design company. He gave an example of how an investment in energy efficient lighting would pay for itself. ESG would evaluate energy analysis of the city to see if there was a way to create energy savings. There is no cost to do the analysis. Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker asked how we would save money on roof replacement. Mr. Wolber explained that the cost over time to maintain the existing roof compared with a new roof replacement would realize savings in low maintenance. The letter of intent would cover the initial analysis. Some examples; LED lights, pump replacement, street lighting. The next step in the process would be to solicit RFP to do the projects identified. There is no cost to do the energy analysis. The Mayor asked if the City of Rock Island has entered into an agreement...not yet. Alderman Trulson used light replacement, pump replacement...ESG would serve as a broker to provide the funding. Alderman Lohse asked if we could pick and choose the energy saving projects. Mr. Wolber gave a few references. Alderwoman Hall asked if this program would apply to any other businesses (like our grocery stores). Staff would need to spend a few days to collect the data. Jim asked if there is a maximum amount of time to recapture the costs; 20 years is the term. Committee was in agreement to move forward with signing the letter of intent.

The last agenda item was discussion on Solsmart designation. The purpose of the agenda item was to make a solar statement to become a designated solar friendly community. There are certain targets that need to be met in order to achieve levels of designation. The next steps would be to attend a webinar; check out the website to cut and paste sections to add to our ordinances. There was some discussion on our City website; there is room for improvement. Alderman Dyer said he would look at modifying our current ordinances in cooperation with Inspector Tom. No committee action was necessary.

There were no other agenda items and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

