Corrected Minutes
Planning and Public Works Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

The Planning and Public Works Committee Meeting of Wednesday, February 19, 2020 was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chair Ms. M. Cindy Wilson. Mr. Brett Sanders and Mr. Jimmy Davis were in attendance for the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was provided by Mr. Jimmy Davis.

The following items were discussed by the committee:

3. Update on Recycling and Recyclables, Mr. Greg Smith

The recycling markets have dropped compared to last year due to issues with China. There is a possibility of more paper mills opening soon in United States. The current recycling revenue prices are $0.40 per pound for Aluminum, $35 per ton for cardboard, $21.75 per ton for clear glass, $14.75 per ton for brown glass, $1.75 per ton for green glass and, Metal prices are $110 per ton. The paper prices have dropped due to less paper being used, resulting in a lower tonnage. A shipment of plastic will be sent out soon with a revenue amount of $200 per ton.

Anderson County residents are actively participating in recycling. The ambassadors and attendants at the sites are working to re-educate the public on what plastics are being accepted. Currently only plastic jugs and bottles can be accepted. Plastic cups, plastic plates and other items are no longer accepted. Companies will not accept any items that are labeled 3-9 so these items go directly into the landfill. Any glass that is received for recycling is sorted at the sites and then hauled out to Strategic Materials who purchases the glass. The Greenville, Spartanburg and, Upper State areas no longer recycle glass. The sorting process is currently completed by inmates, County Staff and individuals from the Disabilities and Special Needs program.

This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.

4. Landfill requests to increase capacity by 150,000 tons, Mr. Greg Smith

On February 10, 2020 an advisory meeting was held for a discussion on the landfill, how it will suit everyone’s needs, and to address any complaints. Waste Connections, Ms. M. Cindy Wilson, County Council District 7, Mr. Greg Smith, Solid Waste Director, and Mr. Alan Sims, City of Belton were in attendance.

The Anderson County Council has already approved an increase of 50,000 ton due to growth. DHEC has requested to hold one public hearing meeting to address the total requested increase capacity of 150,000 ton, including the 50,000 ton which has already been approved by Council. If DHEC approves an increase of capacity for Waste Connections the approval of the Anderson County Council will still be needed. According to contract Waste Connections can take out of county but not out of State.

The landfill has been working to address issues with odors, buzzards, and litter on roadways. This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.
5. Discussion on Moratorium and Review of Infrastructure:

Due to rapid growth and development Infrastructures are unable to keep up with growth. An impact fee could not implemented and used due to the time constraint placed by the State to spend the money. Previous moratoriums have been done before in Anderson County but were in conjunction with zoning referendums. A moratorium would have to be tied to the County’s powers to regulate under the General Health, Safety and Wealth fare guidelines provided by state law.

Dr. Robby Binnicker and Mr. Mike Wilson Representatives from School District 1 attended the meeting to discuss the growth within schools. Growth is important for schools to be able to receive funding, but unmanaged growth can become a problem. The average school growth rate is 1-3% and if growth continues at the current rate the school system will be able to maintain for 8-10 years. On average there is typically one student per new home. High Density Housing is hard for a school to manage.

More research and data will need to be collected for this item.

This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.

6. Capital Improvements of 2020:

The Committee discussed the 2020 Capital improvements and Capital Maintenance plans to determine the future needs in the County for next 5 years. On December 10, 2019 the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review and discuss this list. The Planning Department then reviewed the list and scored each item according importance.

The Airport requests include the ARFF Fire Truck Garage for $50,000, a maintenance shed for $40,000 and Airport Master Plan for $300,000. The development of the Airport Master Plan is a yearlong process. Each item is an estimate and would be put through the bidding process. The County Facilities request is for a Townsend Building Generator in the amount of $200,000.

The Fleet Services Department requests include a Fleet Services Facility in the amount of $7.5 Million. A bond has been issued for this request and the contract has been signed. The second request is a new fuel Island that is needed in the Powdersville Area for $95,000. A third request for the Fleet Services Department is a technician work truck that will be equipped with a crane and toolboxes to be used to answer service calls.

The Paws Animal Shelter has requested a Medical Grade Refrigerator for $40,000. The shelter can possibly use the funding they have on hand for this item but they will still need council approval to purchase. The Roads and Bridges Department requests are for a mini excavator and Trench box.

The Solid Waste Department requests include the King David Convenience Center for $105,000, and the Parker Bowie Convenience Center that will need to be redone. The Starr Landfill has received permitting and an engineer is working on the design. A pre-bid was sent out for this project with 10 contractors showing up.
The Storm Management Department submitted a request for a Civic Center Restoration project for repair of spots along the creek that are eroding. The first year of this project will cost $88,000 to complete the engineering process.

The Technical Services Department is requesting a County Network Failover for back-up in case of an emergency and, the second request is for the Public Safety Radio System Improvement for $2,917,040. This item is needed due to the radio system beginning to age out and fail.

The Wastewater Department requests include the 5-Mile Phase III & IV project which is half complete for $500,000, the 6 & 20 wastewater plant will need upgraded or taken offline, and the Exit 14 project would include looking into the Clemson Sewer Plant. The requests also include a Hurricane Creek Pump Station Upgrade for $800,000 and the Crestview and Highway 81 N. project request for $800,000 that would complete a gap in the existing sewer.

This item is for information only. No decisions or votes were taken for this item.

There being no further business, the Planning and Public Works Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.