

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE
Monday, June 8, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams

This meeting was held electronically because of the State Public Health Emergency Declaration regarding Covid-19 and will be conducted pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8 and the Proclamation of Governor Kim Reynolds dated March 19, 2020.

In Attendance via Microsoft Teams:

Council Member – Matthew McKinney
Council Member – Kevin Trevillyan
Deputy City Manager – Jamie Letzring
Assistant City Attorney – Greta Truman
Finance Director – Tim Stiles
Principal Engineer – Ben McAlister

City Engineer – Brian Hemesath
Public Services Director – Bret Hodne
Public Services Deputy Director – Joe Cory
Public Services Superintendent – Kevin Hensley
Principal Traffic Engineer – Jim Dickinson
Principal Engineer – Jeff Nash

Guests in Attendance:

Item #1 – Steve Caseley, 905 S 60th Street

Meeting was called to order at 11:32 AM by City Engineer, Brian Hemesath.

1. 905 S 60th Street Sanitary Sewer Service Exemption (JN)

Issue Summary:

Steve Caseley of 905 S. 60th Street is requesting a City Code exemption to repair his existing septic system in lieu of trying to connect his sanitary service to the City sewer on his property or to the City sewer that is on the north adjacent property.

In March 2020, Mr. Caseley's existing septic system was inspected by Dallas County and failed the inspection. Mr. Caseley stated he would like to sell his property; however, Iowa Code requires properties to have septic systems in working order or the service be connected to a sewer system before new ownership can be transferred.

The City Code states for properties with failed septic systems, the property owner need to connect their sanitary service to the available City sewer on the property or City sewer within 400' of the property line.

The City sewer on Mr. Caseley's property crosses his driveway 650' to 700' from his house. This service would need to cross a creek for the connection.

The City sewer on the north adjacent property (6340 Stagecoach Drive) is 175' to 200' from Mr. Caseley's house. This City sewer is approximately 35' from Mr. Caseley's north property line. Mr. Caseley would need to obtain an easement from the adjacent property owner to connect this service.

Mr. Caseley hired a plumber (Roger's Septic system) to provide him estimates for connecting to the two City sewer main options and for repairing his septic system. Below are the plumber's estimates.

1. Approximately \$50,000 to connect Steve Caseley's service to the City sewer main crossing the driveway on his property.
2. Approximately \$4,000 to connect Steve Caseley's service to the City sewer on the adjacent property if an easement could be obtained.
3. Approximately \$10,000 to repair Steve Caseley's existing septic system.

Steve Caseley would prefer to obtain an easement from the north adjacent property owner; however, they want him to purchase a triangle section of their property or have him sell his property outright to them instead of purchasing just a service easement. Steve Caseley states he does not want to purchase the triangle section from the adjacent property owner or sell his property to them. He just wants to purchase an easement from the adjacent property owner for his service connection.

The staff's position would be for Steve Caseley to connect his sanitary service to the City sewer on the adjacent north property if an easement could be reasonably obtained. However, if this option is not available, staff recommends allowing Steve Caseley to repair his septic system in lieu of connecting his service to the City sewer crossing his property that is 650' to 700' from his house.

Direction: Committee members were in agreement with Staff's recommendation for an exemption allowing Mr. Caseley to repair his existing septic system in lieu of trying to connect his sanitary service to the City sewer on his property or to the City sewer that is on the north adjacent property.

2. Review of Items for Council Meeting (June 15, 2020)

ENGINEERING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion - Approving Change Order No. 1

- **MidAmerican Energy RecPlex Ice Refrigeration BP#5a**
(0510-055-2018) Rink Tec 692.400.700.5250.490 *General Obligation bonds backed by Hotel-Motel tax revenue*

Resolution – Approving Professional Services Agreement

- **SE 1st Street & SE Willow Creek Drive Watermain**
(0510-057-2020) HR Green, Inc. 500.000.000.5250.495 *Alluvion Urban Renewal Area TIF*

Resolution – Order Construction

- **Fiber Conduit Interconnect – Light Purple Route**
(0510-063-2018) Civil Design Advantage 500.000.000.5250.490 *Microsoft providing all funding and will reimburse the City as invoiced*

Waiver of City Code Requirement

- **905 S. 60th Street – Sanitary Sewer Service Connection**

Establish Public Hearing Regarding the Final Design, Site Selection and Consideration of Acquiring Agricultural Property

- **South Service Area Segment 4 & 10 Sewers**
(0510-007-2020)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Award Contract

- **Storm Sewer Improvements, Connection to 4th Street & Ashworth Road**
(0510-056-2015) Absolute Concrete 660.000.000.5250.490 and 500.000.000.5250.490
Stormwater Utility Fees and Road Use Tax, respectively

PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion – Approving Purchase of Storage Tanks for Public Services Facility

Motion – Approving Purchase of Software and Hardware

- **Traffic Signal System Update**

3. Staff Updates:

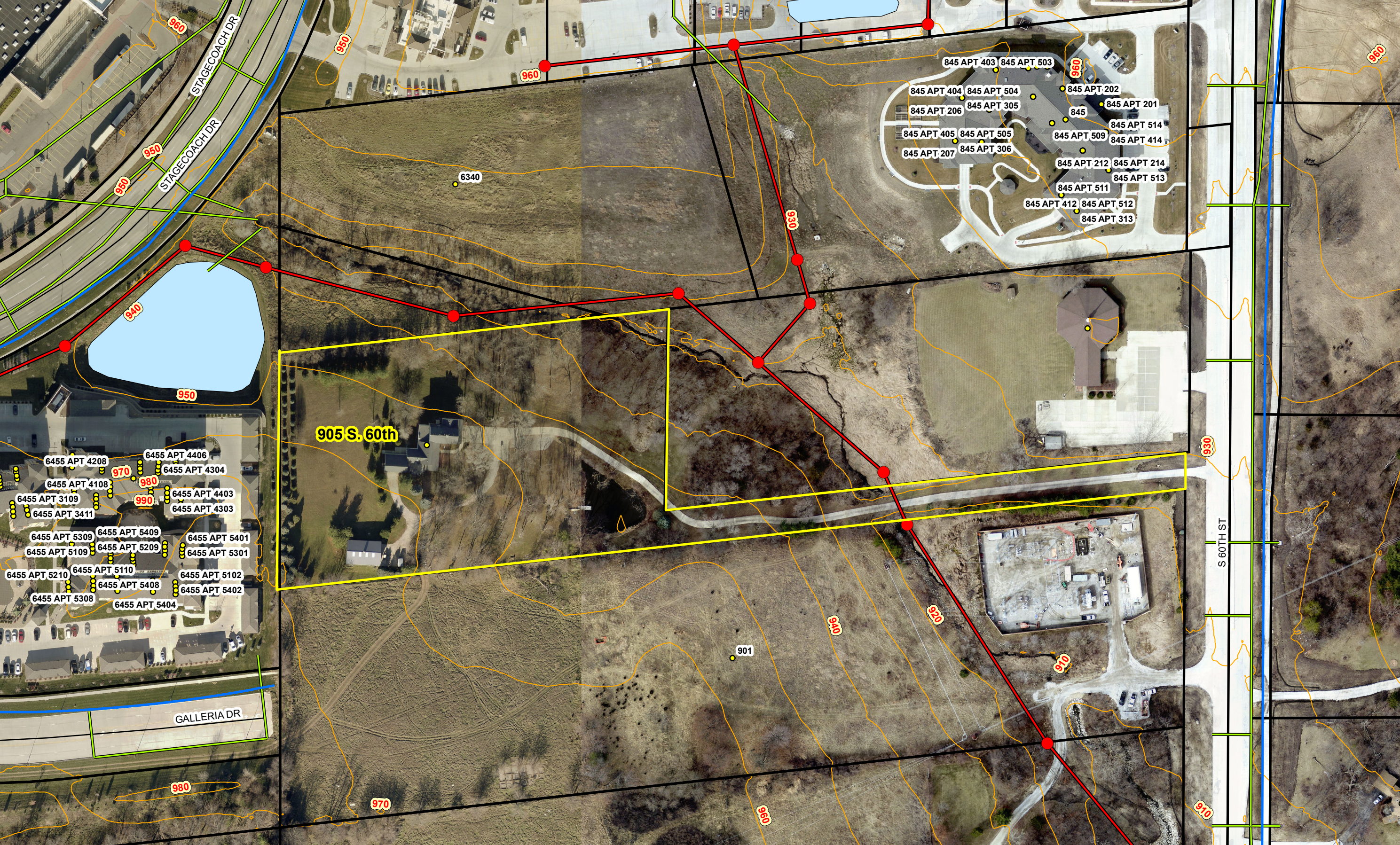
Public Services Director, Bret Hodne informed committee members Staff is working with Metro Waste Authority regarding the Post Home Spring Cleanup program. The dates will be from July 20th – July 24th.

4. Other Matters:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 pm. The next Public Services Council Committee meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2020.

A recording was made. Respectfully submitted by Juanita Greer, Secretary.



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