

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 10, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Committee Members

Chairman Musillami

Alderman Finn

Alderman Mikolyzk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sustainability Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Musillami, Alderman Finn, Alderman Mikolyzk

Also Present: Alderman Frohlich, City Clerk Kmet, City Administrator Paul, and Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –December 8, 2021.

a. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2021 were previously distributed to the members of the Sustainability Committee.

Alderman Finn made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting of December 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mikolyzk and carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:

a. Recommendation to enter into a contract with Hey & Associates for the Landscape Design Services and McGinty Brothers for Landscape Services in the amount of \$70,420.00.

City Administrator Paul stated that they were going through the proposals they received and found that the prices were very different. Some companies did not include everything that Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray asked them to include. The years of maintenance varied by company. Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray and Ms. Paul think Pizzo's was the best proposal because it was the most accurate.

Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray stated that McGinty Brothers left out of their proposal the installation of about twenty evergreen trees. Pizzo is doing a little more square footage which also bumped their price up. But if you incorporate the installation of the evergreen trees McGinty is close in price to Pizzo Brothers. The Pizzo Brothers specialize specifically in restoration and native landscapes where McGinty Brothers do some native landscapes but they are more of a general landscaper.

City Administrator Paul showed pictures of the three areas we are looking to have landscaped, Ideal School, Countryside Park, and the entrance to Flagg Creek Golf Course. These pictures show what the companies recommend to do at each of these sites.

City Administrator Paul stated that after we went through all the proposals Pizzo Brothers brought their price down to \$89,530 and McGinty Brothers with Hey & Associates doing the designing their price was at \$75,420. However McGinty Brothers price did not include the twenty trees. Pizzo Brothers has won 161 awards since 2002 for their design and landscaping.

Alderman Mikolyzk asked where Pizzo Brothers are located. Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray said that their nurse is in Leland and they were originally out of Cicero.

Alderman Mikolyzk asked that when it comes to the Golf Course will the Park District contribute money towards this. City Administrator Paul stated that we are going to be charging a portion to the Flagg Creek Golf Course for their portion.

Chairman Musillami asked what the companies are charging for a year of maintenance. City Administrator Paul stated that Pizzo Brothers is charging us \$7,000 a year. Chairman Musillami asked if it would be a better idea to do more than one year at a time. Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray stated that it would be worth having the maintenance agreement specifically for the locations where they are doing the seeding and the seed blanket.

City Administrator Paul agreed with Public Works Maintenance Technician Murray that McGinty would do a good job but Pizzo Brothers offers extra and their proposal was more complete.

Alderman Finn made a motion to go with Pizzo Brothers and bring this information to City Council for approval, seconded by Alderman Mikolyzk and carried unanimously.

b. Review of the 2021 accomplishments.

City Administrator Paul stated that listed below are the accomplishments that were completed in 2021:

- East Avenue water main replacement between 55th Street and Joliet Road
- Launched a new Clean Energy Aggregation program
- Educated the community on Energy Assistance programs through COMED and NICOR
- Created “Sustainability Square” a section in the City’s quarterly newsletter to educate the public on how they can be more sustainable in their everyday lives
- Installed bird feeders in the Municipal Complex’s roof top garden
- Planted native plants to attract and feed butterflies, bees and other pollinators
- Raised and released approximately 50 painted lady and monarch butterflies
- Completed the GRCs Framework
- Took the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge

- Created a logo to be used when promoting sustainable programs and initiatives
- Adopted the Sustainability Plan by Resolution

c. Prioritization of Sustainable Actions for the next 18 months.

City Administrator Paul stated that we are taking the items that are in progress, the plan for the next six months, and the plan for the next twelve to eighteen months and putting them in tiers. We need to know what staff person is in charge of each item.

For Tier 1 we need to assign staff immediately so these initiatives are completed in 2022, Tier 2 should be assigned to staff for planning/research during 2022 with implementation in 2022 or 2023, and Tier 3 is of less importance and we are looking to start after Tier 1 and Tier 2 are completed. The categories we will be looking at are: Climate, Economic Development, Energy, Land, Leadership, Mobility, Municipal Operations, Sustainable Communities, Waste & Recycling, and Water.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

None.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Musillami asked for a motion. A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Finn, seconded by Alderman Mikolyzk and carried unanimously.

Chairman Musillami declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman, Scott Musillami

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