Utility Committee

March 8, 2021

Present: Committee Members Fleck, Sovinski, Buxton; Council Members Baltzell, Clausen, Lochtefeld, and Scott; Mayor Hazel; Auditor Strawn; Safety-Service Director Hitchcock; Law Director Moore; Bill Kincaid, The Daily Standard; and Martin McGill and Craig Lewis, SolarVision.

Committee Chairman Fleck called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm for discussion of the solar field sale.

Martin McGill and Craig Lewis from SolarVision were present to answer questions posed by Council members. Mr. McGill explained they built and have owned the Celina Solar project since 2012. The majority partner is desirous of selling the facility. The contract with the City requires consent from the City to finalize an Agreement to complete the sale. They feel the new owners are qualified buyers.

CM Clausen asked why they are selling. Mr. McGill responded this project was done with special tax considerations upfront which has run its course. CM Clausen further asked if there are any maintenance requirements for the facility. Mayor Hazel explained the City has no obligations for maintenance.

CM Baltzell asked if the City’s purchase price is fixed. Mayor Hazel explained the price breakdown and stated there will be no change in the original contract purchase prices. After the end of twenty years, the City has the option to purchase the facility. Law Director Moore explained he has been in contact with the new owner’s counsel. The new owners would have the same obligations as in the original Agreement.

CM Sovinski made a motion to send a letter or draft necessary legislation to facilitate the sale, seconded by CM Buxton. Motion passed by voice acclamation 3-0 Aye.

Chairman Fleck adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council