



Office of the City Manager

**TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager**

**DATE: July 29, 2011**

**SUBJECT: Issues Update**

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

**ORANGE PRAIRIE ROAD EXTENTION PROJECT OUT TO BID.** With the ROW acquisition complete and the plans approved by IDOT, the Advertisement for Bids for the southern phase of the Orange Prairie Road Extension Project has been released. Proposals for this project will be received at the Office of the City Engineer until 11:00 am Thursday, August 11, 2011, at which time they will be publically opened and read.

The proposed work under this contract consists of the construction of the Orange Prairie Road extension starting 700' north of US 150 (War Memorial Drive) and extending 4125' to the north (south of the Fargo Run Creek) for a total of 0.781 miles. This improvement consists of earth excavation, pavement removal, storm sewer, concrete pavement, sidewalk, asphalt multi-use path, driveway pavement, curb and gutter, decorative roadway lighting and all necessary incidental work. Construction will begin at the southern end of the project. Weather permitting; the roadway will be completed to American Prairie Drive in 2011 and the remainder of the work by midsummer 2012.

ROW acquisition will begin on the northern phase of the project and if successful, the second contract will be advertised for bids in 2012, which will complete the extension north to the intersection of Grange Hall Road and Alta Lane (Illinois Route 91).

**LAKE LYNNHURST CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION.** Lynnhurst Lake Owners Association met with Councilman Ryan Spain to discuss potential funding sources to assist them with sediment removal costs for two ponds that drain to the main lake. It was decided the City would submit a 319 Grant Application to the IEPA, on the Lake Owners behalf, to try to secure funds for their project. Public Works Engineering was assigned the task of preparing the application within a one (1) week timeframe. Through multiple meetings with the Lake Owner's Association representatives, Engineering successfully developed an application that met the Lake Owners goals. We also met with Tri-County Regional Planning for input on how to complete this application. These meetings culminated in a project with a total estimated cost of \$162,311.20. The Grant is a 60%/40% split with property owners agreeing to pay their 40% share of \$64,924.48 if the Grant is awarded. The application was completed by Engineering and submitted to the IEPA, before their August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, for their consideration.

**COUNCIL REDISTRICTING:** The Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council on Redistricting conducted several public meetings regarding criteria and possible maps for new boundaries of five City Council districts. The boundary changes are required to have nearly equal districts based on the 2010 Census data. Map 12 was selected by the Committee as an example of what the boundaries could be like for five districts. For five districts, the goal of each district was 23,001 people with a maximum deviation of 5% [21,851 to 24,151].

In response to recent discussion at a neighborhood forum in the West Bluff, the Administration has prepared maps with either eight or ten districts as examples of what that number of districts could look like. Note that for each map staff used the criteria of:

1. Nearly equal population with a maximum deviation of 5%, with the lower range of population in those areas planned or expecting growth
2. Compact
3. Contiguous
4. Keeping together neighborhoods
5. Using major thoroughfares as boundaries, with more weight on keeping together neighborhoods

Please find attached six maps that are examples of how the City could be divided into either eight or ten districts. **(Electronic Copy Only)**

- Maps 14 – 16 are examples of eight districts, with the goal of 14,376 people with a maximum deviation of 5% for a range of 13,657 to 15,095.
- Maps 17 – 19 are examples of ten districts, with the goal of 11,500 people with a maximum deviation of 5% for a range of 10,926 to 12,076.

Note that these maps, along with minutes and recommendations from the Committee, will be scheduled for discussion at a future Council meeting.

Any questions or comments about the maps may be addressed to the City of Peoria Planning Department, 309-494-8600 or [planning@ci.peoria.il.us](mailto:planning@ci.peoria.il.us).