

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Hoggatt, Jim Webber, and Tom McCormick

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli , Tom Syfko, Kip Peters, Marion Webber, and others.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoggatt at 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES – MAY 24, 2016 MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 Public Works Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CONSOLIDATION OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES Kip Peters provided six months of previous Water Utility Commission meeting minutes to the Committee upon request. It was noted that these Public Utilities meeting minutes that there was no mention of a consolidation of the departments. Peters stated the Utility Commission is in agreement with the consolidation and Wisconsin State statues 66.0805 references the management of municipal public utility by commission.

McCormick provided recommended language additions to City Ordinance 242-1, Section E & H, as it relates to control and review of the annual operating budget and capital expenditures. Peters noted the city's procurement policy is followed for all capital purchases and the operating budgets for both departments would continue to be reviewed and approved by the Common Council on an annual basis.

McCormick recommended a change in the City ordinance for General Powers(H). He suggested an addition to the General Powers that relates to all construction, extensions and improvements to the sanitary sewer and water systems be reviewed and approved by the Common Council.

Hoggatt suggested the appointed liaison have voting rights and possibly shorter terms for members. Peters referenced sample ordinances from New Richmond and River Falls.

MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to proceed with the consolidation of the Water and Wastewater Departments and to recommend changes to City Ordinance 242-1 (E) & (H) as discussed. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2016 STORM SEWER REPAIRS Syfko stated several storm sewer related issues have been brought to the attention of the Public Works Department that include: a) Lighthouse Pond Erosion b) 5th Street Storm sewer repairs c) Oak Street and Juniper Way ponding. Syfko briefly explained the existing situations at each of the locations and the proposed repairs. He noted that cost estimates and funding sources would be included upon approval by the Common Council in addition to a Letter of Engagement for engineering services.

Discussion continued on the maintenance of storm ponds on private and public land. It was noted that the Lighthouse Pond was owned by the association and were required to maintain the pond. Hoggatt requested the maintenance of storm ponds be added to a future agenda.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated the Weitkamp Park playground project is anticipated to start in the upcoming weeks with a grand opening by the Hudson Hospital Foundation scheduled for

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August. He noted that many reservations have been scheduled and notifications were sent out to the reservation holders.

Zeuli stated the tennis/pickle ball courts at Anderson Park are painted. Noted a nice article is planned for the newspaper regarding the donation by Paul Anderson and the history of the park.

Syfko stated the bid opening for the 2016 Street Improvements is scheduled for Thursday, June 30, 2016.

Zeuli stated Faith Community Church provided service work throughout the city that including repainting of rest rooms at Prospect Park and Burton Park in addition to several landscaping projects.

Zeuli stated interviews and a driving course will be scheduled for candidates interviewing for the Public Works Maintenance position.

Syfko stated the first lift of asphalt is ready on Vine Street from 1st Street to 2nd Streets with a second lift planned for the week. He noted the construction will move to the east between 4th and 5th street which includes 800 feet of alley work.

Syfko stated the Tower Road contracts are due to be returned and work is expected to start up mid July.

Webber stated Riverfest Week is July 18-July 24th . He stated there are many events planned along the river area and encouraged the public to attend.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Hoggatt requested the Maintenance of Ponds public verses private be added to a future agenda. Noted the maintenance of ponds should be consistent and suggested examples be provided.

MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to adjourn the meeting. 6:24 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary