

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 30, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Syfko, Michael Lammer, Dave Mouson, Colleen Hammer, Jim Hammer, Cyusten, Dana Berg, and others.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 28, 2018 MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of November 28, 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SNOW PLOW EXEMPTION APPEAL APPLICATION – 812 10TH STREET Hoggatt referred to the appeal submitted for the snow plow exemption process by Stacy Wagner, 812 10th Street. He stated that Wagner paid the first time application fee of \$25.00 noting it was denied due to off street parking being available at a neighboring resident. Hoggatt recommended a refund of \$25.00 to Wagner due to the time lapse of the application and the actual date the exemption was denied. He noted that Wagner must comply with the city ordinance 235-3 for snow plow events.

MOTION by Hoggatt, second by Webber to recommend a refund to Stacy Wagner, 812 10th Street in the amount of \$25.00. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BIRD CITY APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION 01-18 Hoggatt stated the non-profit Tropical Wings is seeking the city's support in achieving Bird City USA status for the city. He noted that Resolution 01-18 would designate International Migratory Bird Day(IMBD) on the second Saturday in May.

Hoggatt mentioned some of the criteria required to become a Bird City include updating the city webpage with information on various topics related to protecting the migratory birds, monitoring of the birds, maintaining Tree City USA status, public education and recognizing IMBD annually. It was noted that Tropical Wings organization as well as others get together to share information on efforts on providing bird friendly environments.

MOTION by McCormick, second by Hoggatt to recommend staff continue to work with Tropical Wings on the Bird City USA application and to recommend adoption of Resolution 01-18 proclaiming May 12, 2018 as International Migratory Bird Day. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: PICKLE BALL COURTS Tom Syfko provided a rough cost estimate of \$160,000 for the construction of eight pickle ball courts. He noted the basis of the estimate was a sketch provided by Mike Lammer, representing the Pickleball Association (PBA). The final location of the courts still needs to be determined.

Syfko stated in meetings with the city Finance Director, it was recommended that the 5 year, 2015-2020 Parks Outdoor Recreation Plan be updated to include pickle ball courts and update the costs. He noted that currently the proposed improvement plan indentifies pickleball courts at Weitkamp Park in 2017 for \$75,000 and also at Lakefront Park in 2019 for \$25,000. Andrews stated the 5 year plan in the Outdoor Recreation plan is based on recommendations by the Park Board. Once the update is completed by the Park Board, it would then move to the capital budget approval process.

McCormick questioned the fundraising efforts being implemented by the Pickleball Association. Lammers stated the PBA is made up of roughly 250 members. He added that the YMCA is interested in

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a partnership with the organization to promote the sport and have looked at potential sites owned by the YMCA. He noted a meeting is planned with the Hudson Hospital Foundation to discuss the plan.

MOTION by Hoggatt, second by Webber to recommend the Park Board update the 5 year Outdoor Recreation Plan to include pickleball courts and to recommend the PBA provide updates on the fundraising efforts . MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW 5 YEAR PROPOSED STREET PROJECTS Hoggatt referred to the proposed 2018-2022 capital street projects. Syfko noted the Vine Street project (9th to Wisconsin Street) was changed from 2018 to 2019 and that Industrial Street (Crestview to Hanley) was changed to 2020; and Dominion Drive and Hosford Drive were changed to 2021. It was noted that core sampling for Industrial would need to be done in 2019. Hoggatt added that 6th Street maintenance by city staff has been ongoing and that future improvements will be necessary.

Further discussion continued on the WI DOT projects proposed for 2nd Street, I-94 to Vine Street and 2nd Street, Vine Street to Lake Mallalieu. Hoggatt referred to the proposed street projects beyond the 2022 and noted cost estimates would need to be updated and prioritized. Syfko suggested a pavement management plan be completed. He briefly explained the process that would include verification of the city streets lengths, widths, conditions, etc. as identified in the WISLR reporting system. He noted it would not include any utility improvements. The overall Committee agreed to recommend that that a pavement management plan be completed and funding source for the work be identified.

Hoggatt asked whether improvements to the 11th Street Bridge include the intersection and bike traffic improvements. He mentioned the Hudson Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee are reviewing the overall city trail system and potential bike route connections.

Webber stated a meeting is scheduled with Syfko, city engineer, this week to discuss the Hanley Road project and how bike lanes can be incorporated into the project. Syfko stated the Common Council special meeting held in early December addressed the Hanley Road project and the traffic study that was completed by SEH. He noted that the overall consensus was to move forward with the project design that would reduce Hanley Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes and to include medians and alternates for turn lanes at O'Neil Road and Rock Street. He stated that bike lanes were not included.

PROJECT UPDATE Syfko stated the Walnut Street Bridge Rehabilitation project bid opening is scheduled for February 15, 2018. He stated informational signs regarding the closure of the bridge in the spring have been placed at the bridge entrance and posted on the city website, including notifications sent to the Hudson Chamber of Commerce and local marinas. Syfko added that the project is primarily surface repairs with some work underneath which will be scheduled as river levels allow.

SNOW REMOVAL AND OPERATIONS Hoggatt stated the city is enforcing City Ordinance 212-9 regarding snow removal on sidewalks. He stated the ordinance requires the homeowner to clear the snow within 24 hours of a snow cessation. Andrews stated nearly 30 notices have been hand delivered to residential and commercial properties that are in non-compliance. Noted that property owners are responsible for the cost to remedy the problem. Webber requested the area at Wisconsin and Spruce Drive be inspected.

MOTION by Hoggatt, second by McCormick to adjourn the meeting. 6:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,
Deb Andrews
Secretary