

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 27, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 30, 2018 MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of January 30, 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY THE HUDSON BOOSTERS TO EXTEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 6 ST CROIX STREET Zeuli stated the Hudson Boosters lease space at 6 St Croix Street for the storage of football and other recreational equipment. He noted the monthly rate has been \$50.00 per month and is recommending increasing the rate to \$100.00 per month to remain consistent with the Rowing Club's lease of property at this location.

MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to recommend extending the three year lease agreement with the Hudson Boosters for use of space at 6 St Croix Street and to increase the monthly rate to \$100 per month. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF THE VARITECH BLEND BOSS Zeuli explained that the Varitech Blend Boss is a piece of equipment that is used for storing deicing materials that is mounted to the side of a plow truck and dispersed as needed. He added the system blends the deicing chemicals and can provides data to allow for better control of the products and to help lessen the salt used on the streets. Zeuli mentioned some deicing alternatives, noting the city has used beet juice mixed with calcium chloride. He also provided literature on possible future additives that include cheese brine, pickle brine, potatoes brine, grass clippings, etc.

Zeuli stated the cost for the Varitech Blend Boss System is \$21,900 and is compatible with the existing equipment used for snow removal and de-icing operations. He noted capital bonds were allocated for this purchase in 2018.

MOTION by McCormick, second by Webber to recommend the purchase of the Varitech Blend Boss in the amount of \$21,900 from Varitech. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated the Walnut Street Bridge bids were approved and contracts are awaiting signature. Noted the project is scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. He added that Hanley Road Street Project was awarded to Monarch Paving. Zeuli stated the bids are due on March 6, 2018 for the purchase of a single axle plow truck and dump box and will presented to City Council on March 12th.

Zeuli stated bids for the Street Light Replacement project are underway and includes replacing the poles to stainless steel along Stageline Road. Noted funds will be requested in the 2019-2020 capital requests for the lights remaining in the replacement program. Zeuli stated the bandshell ceiling repairs will be completed this spring/summer.

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Zeuli stated nearly 60 notices were distributed to homeowners and businesses in non-compliance for shoveling of sidewalks. He added that 16 parking exemptions were approved for this season. Webber mentioned safety concerns with intersections where the snow is piled high.

Zeuli stated the WI DNR awarded the 2017 Innovations Award to the Hudson Urban Forestry for their work on the Tree Trek. Noted the city has been a Tree City USA for 8 years and is continuing to work on the expansion of the Tree Trek by working with the Hudson School District. Hoggatt suggested this information be provided at a future City Council meeting, including the Arbor Day and Tree of the Year information.

MOTION by McCormick, second by Hoggatt to adjourn the meeting. 6:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary