

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 31, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT Jim Webber, Sarah Atkins Hoggatt

ABSENT Paul Deziel

OTHERS PRESENT Ken Holman, Marion Webber, Deb Andrews

Meeting was called to order by Webber. 5:15 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 25, 2018 MOTION by Atkins Hoggatt, second by Webber, to approve the June 25, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE – URBAN FORESTRY BOARD Ken Holman, Chairman of HUFEB, stated that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was reported in the Hudson area on July 10, 2018 near the area along the I-94 corridor. He stated the city webpage has been updated to provide information related to EAB that includes identification, EAB Decision Guide for homeowners, treatment options and other links.

Holman stated the City of Hudson began implementing an EAB management plan nearly eight years ago. He added that in 2010 a city wide tree inventory was done which included an EAB Readiness Plan. Noted 1400 public Ash trees were identified and that to date nearly 200 Ash trees have been removed, 120 treated and currently Xcel Energy is working with the city on ash removals.

Atkins Hoggatt questioned the cost to homeowners to treat ash trees and whether residents will have an option to contract services at a reduced rate. Holman stated the average cost to treat an ash tree is \$8.00-\$10.00 per diameter and that residents are responsible for all costs associated with private trees. He added that public forums and other public outreach activities related to EAB and urban forestry are ongoing, including the newest historical Tree Trek.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COULEE ROAD RETAINING WALL LOE Webber stated the City Council requested both engineering firms to provide a cost for the Coulee Road retaining wall. Andrews noted that the observations by engineers appear that wall failure is due to concrete block deterioration due to freeze/thaw action, and overturning due to slope slumping or inadequate wall reinforcement. Atkins Hoggatt agreed the need to repair the wall and recommended proceeding with the LOE with Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$15,100.

MOTION by Atkins Hoggatt, second by Webber to recommend approval of the LOE with Bolton & Menk for the Coulee Road retaining wall at an estimated amount of \$15,100 contingent on a funding source. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE TRAILS & PATHWAYS MAINTENANCE Webber stated the Heggen Street Trail improvement project was postponed to 2019-2020 due to the lack of funding available. He stated the Hudson Bike and Pedestrian Committee are in the process of prioritizing the trail system and some of the maintenance needs.

DISCUSS 2018-2019 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE The overall consensus is to keep the Public Works Committee meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES TOUR The overall consensus is to schedule the Public Works facilities tour on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, beginning at City Hall. Noted a start time will be determined.

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PROJECT UPDATE Andrews stated the Hanley Road Improvement project is complete. Noted engineers punch list items remain. She stated a pre-construction meeting was held with engineers, city staff and contractors for the 2018 Storm Sewer repairs.

REVIEW PUBLIC WORKS TEN YEAR PLAN Webber requested the Trail Maintenance be added to the long range ten year plan for projects.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Webber requested an update on the MS4 program. He suggested storm pond maintenance be discussed at a future meeting.

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

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary