

Public Works Committee
Tuesday July 18, 2017 @ 4:30 PM
Mayor's Office, 381 E Main St

Members Present: Alderpersons Pat O'Connor, Sid Boersma, and Michael Engelberger

Absent/Excused: Greg Jenson

Staff: Director of Public Works Brett Hebert and Vickie Erdahl

Guests:

Call to Order: O'Connor called the meeting to order

1) **Communications:** Hebert reported:

- That there was significant damage at Mandt Park after the fair departed from their equipment. 2" of rain that fell during the night so there was large ruts over the entire park. The ball diamond is unplayable for the rest of the season and games have been rescheduled to other fields. Hebert met with the Fair Board to discuss repairs and stated that the Street Dept. will work with them. The Coffee Break event is coming up in August and Hebert is working with Tricia Sues to rearrange the set up as the grounds will not be fully repaired at that point.
- Hebert also met with the DNR, Dunkirk and Dane County regarding the water levels in the river here and downstream. All parties involved are within their required permit levels. There has been some flooding on properties along Dunkirk Ave which is controlled by Dunkirk. The DNR stated that nothing more can be done.
- The Tree Commission has three new members, Mike Point, Mitch Bergeson and Nicholas Yuknis.
- An offer has gone out to a gentleman for the City Forester position so Hebert is working with Human Resources.
- A tree that was removed @ 708 Roby Rd details were discussed because the Tree Comm. had made a motion and then it was discussed and reconsidered two months later.
- Engelberger stated that there was an area (wet spot) in Mandt Park that had standing water and before the fair the fair board put in a new manhole cover but now the water was back. Hebert stated that there is a spring there and the water needs to be drained, which will be expensive project. **THIS ITEM WAS PLACED ON AUGUST'S AGENDA**

2) **Reports:** Erdahl stated there has been an average amount of street openings for this time of the year and that nearly 875 permits have been sold since the opening of the site which is above the previous years' sales.

Old Business:

3) **Public Works Facility Update:** Hebert stated that good progress is being made and that the PW Dept is currently going over the floor plans and make changes which should be a cost savings for the City. Angus Young is pursuing grants and there is talk that some space in the building could be shared with other departments.

The house @ 2431 Hwy A is still moving forward with the process and homeowners still working with the lawyers. Hebert was thinking of offering the houses to the Fire Department for a controlled burn training and also recycling some products in the house.

- 4) **Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Options for the Youth Center Pedestrian Crossing Location:** *Hebert* presented four options A) West of train tracks, B) Sixth / Main,(by car dealership) C) Seventh St and D) Fifth / Main St.(at this time students are cutting through on private property)

Committee discussion: option **A** is dangerous for traffic even if the arms are installed at the railroad tracks, option **B** the truncated domes are already in place and a lighted crosswalk could be installed, however, the property owner would need to repair a fence, option **C** is near a bar and in order to put in a crosswalk parking stalls would need to be removed and option **D** is to deter foot traffic to Fifth St from River Bluff which has a lighted crosswalk in place on Fifth St @ City Hall, including signage (No Trespassing) for the private property involved and work with the School District and Police to provide public education.

Engelberger suggested doing both Option B (with painting only) & D also including having the owner repair the fence.

Motion by Boersma, seconded by Engelberger to implement Options B (paint no lighting) & D. Motion carried 3-0.

Hebert will talk with the business regarding the fence.

New Business:

- 5) **Approve June 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Boersma, seconded by Engelberger to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

- 6) **Discussion and Recommendation to the CIP Committee to Approve the Ordering of 2018 Equipment Using Available Funds from the 2017-2018 Capital Borrowing Plan:**

Hebert presented a chart with the equipment and the comparable costs / savings per piece of equipment. These items are already approved in the budget.

Motion by Boersma, seconded by O'Connor to recommend to order equipment early. Motion carried 3-0.

- 10) **Future Agenda Items:** PW Facility Update , Urban Forestry Concerns, Ordinance 10-2 (Terrace Trees), Mandt Park – water issue

Moved by Engelberger, seconded by Boersma to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm. Motion carried 3-0. Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl Administrative Assistant – 7/19/17