

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF MAY 5, 2014

Meeting called to order by Secretary Knoeck at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Tom Buttke, Gary Cummings, Ed Wagner and Chris Jockheck
(arrived at 5:33 PM)

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Meyer; Alderpersons Earll & Feddick-Goodwin; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Building Services Supervisor Pokorny; Wastewater Superintendent Warp; Parks & Recreation Director Englehart; Cemetery Coordinator Baltus; the media; and others.

Nominations were held for Board of Public Works Chairman.

Alderman Cummings nominated Alderman Feirer for Chairman of the Board of Public Works.

PW14-64 Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to close nominations for Chairman of the Board of Public Works and to elect Alderman Feirer.

Motion Carried

Alderman Feirer took the chair.

Nominations were held for Board of Public Works Vice-Chairman.

Alderman Buttke nominated Alderman Cummings for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Works.

PW14-65 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to close nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Works and to elect Alderman Cummings.

Motion Carried

PW14-66 Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Board of Public Works meeting.

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments – None

Street Superintendent Panzer presented a Street Division construction update. He also noted the upcoming shift to 4 – 10 hour work days beginning after Memorial Day on June 2nd and ending August 29th. City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update.

The Board of Public Works reconsidered the temporary closure of Maple Avenue railroad crossing. Knoeck recommended a 3 week closure as opposed to 2 months that was originally recommended. Three weeks would allow one week for traffic to adjust to the closure and then 2 weeks for taking traffic counts. Buttke fees that nobody wants to see the intersection closed. He would go along with a three week closure to get the information to show the OCR and railroad what the true impacts are. He would prefer to see this happen when school is in session because of impacts to Peach Avenue, but he realizes that it could be a timing problem. Bill Penker, 600 South Sycamore Avenue, read comments from his wife Cindy with concerns about a permanent or temporary closure of Maple Avenue. Mr. Penker also stated he did research on the FRA website on the 9 crashes at Maple and it shows some interesting facts. He recapped his assessment of the crash data and trends that he identified. He stated that it may make more sense to look at the time span that crashes have occurred and to bring back the train horns during those times. Wagner stated that Penker did a tremendous amount of work in assembling the crash data and he feels the point is that both Maple and Central have a crash history. He feels that at some point there will be a hearing and we will need hard data to make our case in addition to the crash analysis. We

need to collect the data to prepare our case for a hearing and he is concerned that three weeks is not long enough but he is willing to compromise and hopes we can get enough data. Julie Johnsrud, 10566 Patton Drive, asked if any thought was given to not allowing a right hand turn out of Kwik Trip. Cummings is concerned that people leaving Kwik Trip will need to go north before they can go south and this will create problems elsewhere. The problem with a closure is that it will not allow for future growth in traffic. Mayor Meyer stated that the right hand turn out of Kwik Trip is the one we are trying to protect to allow traffic to go south. We can't validate the importance of the crossing until we try this closure. We need some hard data to show what the true impact is and feels a three week closure is not excessive. Earll received a call from a constituent who is opposed to closing but suggested the use of chatter strips that trigger a flashing light when a vehicle crosses over it. He is not sure if this is reasonable but passing along the information. Buttke also feels we need enforcement stepped up so the rest don't have to suffer because of a few violators. The Mayor mentioned that enforcement has been increased. Jockheck asked if we have a written agreement from CN and OCR regarding the temporary closure – we do not.

PW14-67 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to recommend a three week temporary closure of Maple Avenue from Depot Street to Veterans Parkway in order to collect empirical data on the effect that a long term closure may have on the City of Marshfield.

Cummings voted 'No' Motion Carried

Knoeck suggested that we may want to consider trying a temporary closure at Vine as well. The initial discussion has certainly centered on Maple, however a goal of the OCR is closing crossings. If we determined that a Vine closing is preferable over a Maple closing that may be a point of negotiation with the OCR and the railroad. Feirer said that since this item is not on the agenda, it would need to be discussed at a future meeting.

PW14-68 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the purchase of a Caterpillar 272D1XHP skid steer at a cost of \$24,200, a Caterpillar 236D skid steer at a cost of \$23,531 and a Caterpillar SR321 snow blower from FABCO Equipment, Inc. of Schofield, WI and authorize execution of contracts.

Motion Carried

PW14-69 Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the low bid submitted by Cold Spring of Cold Spring, MN for the Cemetery mausoleum project at a cost of \$123,170 and authorize execution of a contract.

Motion Carried

The Board of Public Works discussed the consideration of requirements for compulsory connection to municipal water supply at 2808 Huetter Street. Margy Frey, 11811 Robin Road, representing the owner of 2808 Huetter Street thought the memo in the agenda packet was laid out well explaining the situation. Many properties in this price range have low down payments and can't get the additional funding to complete a connection to City water that costs thousands of dollars. Julie Johnsrud, 10566 Patton Drive, represents the buyer of the property who is well aware of the proposal. Mayor Meyer questioned how we assure that future buyers are aware of the requirement to connect to City water. He feels we may need something recorded at the Register of Deeds.

PW14-70 Motion by Wagner, second by Butte to recommend that notification to 2808 Huetter Street to connect to municipal water supply be postponed until a change in ownership occurs after a water service has been stubbed into the property line or upon failure of the existing well, whichever occurs first, and that an approval document be prepared for recording at the Register of Deeds.

Motion Carried

PW14-71 Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to recommend approval of a change in scope for City Hall Penthouse Roof/Guardrail project which will complete the reroofing project in 2014 without completing the guardrail project.

Buttke voted 'No' Motion Carried

Chairman Feirer called for a short recess at 6:59 PM. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

PW14-72 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the Wildwood-McMillan Connector Trail Project Right-of-Way Plat and Relocation Order, to authorize the Mayor to sign the right-of-play.

Wagner voted 'No' Motion Carried

PW14-73 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the proposal submitted by Steigerwaldt Land Services, Inc. at a cost of 38,900 for Wildwood-McMillan Connector Trail project real estate acquisition and authorize execution of the proposal.

Wagner voted 'No' Motion Carried

PW14-74 Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the proposal submitted by Gremmer & Associates, Inc. of Plover, WI for the Veterans Parkway resurfacing project at a cost of \$49,803 and authorize execution of an engineering services agreement.

Wagner voted 'No' Motion Carried

PW14-75 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to adjourn to closed session at 7:16 PM pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Chapter 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

- Purchase of property for Hume Avenue street opening

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Present in Closed Session: Aldermen Feirer, Cummings, Wagner, Jockheck and Buttke; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi.

PW14-76 Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to reconvene in open session at 7:34 PM.

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

There was no action taken in open session on the closed session item.

Recommended items for future agendas:

- Alderperson Buttke requested a discussion of a temporary closure of the Vine Avenue railroad crossing.

Motion by Jockheck, second by Wagner that the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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