

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF JANUARY 18, 2016

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

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Tom Buttke, Ed Wagner, Gary Cummings, & Chris Jockheck

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alderman Earll; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Parks & Recreation Director Casperson; Street Superintendent Winch; Assistant Street Superintendents Bornbach & Hawley; Planning & Economic Development Director Angell; Ron Dickrell, Economic Development Board; Angie Eloranta, Main Street Marshfield Director; Randy Leuth, Landscape Architect; Chris Howard, Brown's Living; the media; and others.

PW16-01 Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Board of Public Works meeting.

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments – None

The Planning & Economic Development Director Angell gave a presentation of the 200 Block – Community Square Project. The Board heard from the following individuals in favor of the project:

- Jay Harwood, 613 West 5th, thought this was a great idea when he first heard it because in his business he looks for arts and entertainment and venues to perform in. Other cities do this and have events going on and he sees this as a good thing for Marshfield, especially if funding is coming from private donations.
- Chris Howard, owner of Browns Living and the old Penny Court, loves the idea and supports it 100%. He loves the fact that all the old buildings in the area are so much more visible now that the News Herald building is gone. He does not have any concerns at all. He does need parking for his employees and would prefer if that was available somewhere where they would not need to cross Central, but wouldn't want that to hold up this project. He is confident that the parking can be figured out.
- Angie Eloranta, stated that the Main Street Board has gone on record supporting this project. It really fits their vision for the downtown. They realize that there are still questions on parking but that should not hold up this project.

PW16-02 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to recommend approval to continue moving forward with the plan to create a Community Square in the west 200 block of downtown Marshfield.

Motion Carried

PW16-03 Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the plans for Hackman Field Storage Building and authorize advertising for bids.

Motion Carried

PW16-04 Motion by Feirer, second by Jockheck to recommend approval of the quotation submitted by Beaver of Wisconsin for a trailer mounted pressure washer for the Street Department at a cost of \$19,650 and authorize execution of a purchase agreement.

Motion Carried

Street Superintendent Winch presented information on development of an anti-icing program. This was an informational item only.

PW16-05 – Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to recommend approval of temporary cell tower locations in Grant Mini Park as presented, for the duration of the water tower painting project and that the access be vacated within 45 days of the completion of the painting project, and that this approval be contingent upon the City Plan Commission granting the necessary conditional use permit.

Motion Carried

PW16-06 – Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to recommend approval of a payment to the Town of Cameron for lost road aids on Heritage Drive for 2015 and 2016 in the amount of \$638.58 per year and that staff be directed to draft an agreement with the Town of Cameron to address road aid payments in the future.

Motion Carried

City Administrator Barg presented information on downtown parking concerns. He is suggesting that a committee be formed to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of downtown parking issues and opportunities. Alderman Wagner agrees that we need a comprehensive review of downtown parking and he sees the following issues:

- Business owners parking in prime parking locations.
- Enforcement is ineffective.
- City promoting mixed use to include residential but must make parking for residents available.
- Daytime and nighttime only permits.
- May need to change the rate structure for permits.
- Need to prohibit vehicle repair in municipal parking stalls.

This was an informational item only.

PW16-07 Motion by Jockheck, second by Wagner to adjourn to closed session at 6:19 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 land for downtown parking lot expansion.

Roll call vote, all ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

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

PW16-08 Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to reconvene in open session at 6:36 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: None

Motion by Jockheck, second by Feirer that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Motion Carried