

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES**  
**OF JUNE 15, 2015**

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

**PRESENT:** Tom Buttke, Ed Wagner, Gary Cummings and Chris Jockheck

**EXCUSED:** Mike Feirer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alderman Earll; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Director of Planning and Economic Development Angell; Street Superintendent Winch; Wastewater Superintendent Warp; Building Services Supervisor Pokorny; Police Chief Gramza; City Planner Miller; Justin Casperson, Parks & Recreation Director; Scott Larson, MACCI; the media; and others.

**PW15-75** Motion by Cummings, second by Jockheck to recommend approval of the minutes of the June 1, 2015 and June 9, 2015 Board of Public Works meetings.

**Motion Carried**

**Citizen Comments** – Alderman Jockheck gave a reminder of his upcoming listening session with Alderman Earll to be held this coming Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the UW in the art gallery by the theater lobby.

City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update. Street Superintendent Winch presented a Street Division construction update.

City Planner Miller reviewed the final concept for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Green Street Corridor. The Board heard comments from the following individuals:

John Sikora, 9011 Thompson Road, Marshfield, represents the largest retailer in the downtown, Mitten's Appliance. Of the 4 concepts presented, none of them are acceptable because of loss of parking. One parking spot lost is too many. 80% of their business comes through the second Street entrance. Very little traffic comes in off of main street. Taking up parking for benches and bike parking doesn't seem to make much sense. He doesn't see why we need so much green space in the downtown. The bike trail to the north allows people to come downtown if they want. He feels that in the last 25 years, the downtown has improved tremendously. Later in the meeting, Sikora responded to the suggestion of one-way streets with angle parking that the issues are dangerous backing into traffic and impeding traffic flow.

Angie Eloranta, Main Street Marshfield, has heard from many property owners, business owners and Main Street Board members and she has to voice what she is hearing which is that they do not want to eliminate parking. They feel that the corridor could be improved upon without losing parking and would like to those concepts explored further.

Jeff Kleiman, 1112 W. State Street, green additions are welcome and understands the efforts to make downtown more welcoming, however wishes to urge caution with regard to parking. He has operated a business on Central Avenue for the last 18 years. When Central Avenue was reconstructed at Veterans Parkway and they lost 2 parking stalls in front of their store, they noticed a regular decline in foot traffic. Many people refused to come in from the parking lot behind the building. They moved farther south in the block about 10 years ago. They do have a number of parking spaces out front but whenever there has been interruption in those parking spaces, foot traffic has suffered. The issue of parking spaces also becomes more critical in winter and bad weather. His experience has shown that eliminating parking spaces as had a negative impact on their business.

John Minor, 205 Maple Ridge Drive, Stratford, owner of Victory Apparel. His concern is also the loss of parking. He would lose every single spot on his side of the street. Only a loading zone is left and that will not be enough room. The parking lot behind the Charles Apartments is generally full with permit parking, police station and Charles Apartment tenants so there is not much room for customers. The concepts are not unappreciated but we need to figure out something a little bit different.

Pat Baer, 112 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, owner of Charles Apartments. Losing all of the parking on the north side of Second adjacent to his building is devastating. He has 5 retail shops and 1 service operation in his building. The other side of the street has one service business and a half a block with no buildings. Why was that side not looked at as an option. Two years ago when Chestnut and Second were reconstructed, the focus was on adding parking where possible. Now we want to get rid of parking. What has changed? Businesses have a hard enough time making a go of it today. We don't need to make it tougher on them. Also, the loading zone that is being left in place is actually being moved closer to the alley in front of the consignment shop. That doesn't work. It needs to be in front of the door where tenants are moving in and out. Later in the meeting, Baer stated that if he had a choice, he would rather have a one way street than to lose any parking.

Ron Lemmer, Merrill, WI, owns the building at 201 S Central. He has attended several of the meetings and is torn by the proposal. Has owned the building for about 18 years and has struggled all along with parking. They have invested a lot of money in the building in the last several years but still has the same problem he has had for the last 15 years, parking. He sees Marshfield as a progressive community with a vibrant downtown. He is considering bringing on more employees and that raises the parking question again. He sees the need for an additional parking lot which means a building would need to go and maybe it's his building that is the one. Some of his tenants might be forced to vacate because of the parking issues and the last thing he wants is a vacant building.

Rebecca Gutenberger, 613 North Maple, representing Tower Hall as property manager. They do not have any complaints about concept B1. That works for them as long as they get to keep their parking lot and 2 spaces in front of Tower Hall. However, if Mitten's loses their parking spaces, she is concerned that those people will park in her lot. She sees how much traffic Mittens gets and that they need parking spaces on that side of the street.

John Beck, 1000 Chapel Street. He has been following this for a while and it looks to him like a solution looking for a problem. The main reason that he can determine for this is to bring people from the ball diamonds to the library and from the library to the ball diamonds and that's not likely. He sees no problem here.

**PW15-76** Motion by Wagner second by Jockheck to recommend to the Common Council to proceed with the option of angle parking and one way streets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Green Street Corridor from Maple Avenue to Chestnut Avenue.

**Cummings voted 'No' - Motion Carried**

**PW15-77** Motion by Cummings, second by Wagner to recommend approval of the low quotation submitted by Mavo Systems of Wisconsin for removal of asbestos at the Senior Center at a total cost not to exceed \$23,141 and authorize execution of a contract.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-78** Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to recommend approval of the quotation submitted by Hatch Building Supply for a Bartell BR4600H vibratory plate compactor at a cost of \$6,895 and authorize execution of a purchase order.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-79** Motion by Cummings, second by Jockheck to recommend that 15 daytime permit parking stalls be allowed in the Burlington Lot on a trial basis, to be reviewed no later than in one year.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-80** Motion by Wagner, second by Cummings to post and enforce the gravel areas previously occupied by the Professional Building and the News Herald Building as temporary parking lots with 3 hour parking, similar to the Burlington Lot in the same block and that the Director of Public Works make the necessary arrangements.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-81** Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to adjourn to closed session at 6:48 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.

- Property acquisition for Wildwood/McMillan Connector Trail

**Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried**

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

**PW15-82** Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to reconvene in open session at 6:52 PM.

**Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried**

**PW15-83** Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the acquisition of easements from Twomorks Investments LLC for the Wildwood/McMillan Connector Trail project and authorize staff to execute the documents.

**Motion Carried**

**Recommended items for future agendas** – The next Board of Public Works meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7 at 5:30 PM. The primary agenda item will be the award of bids for the Library Project.

Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck that the meeting be adjourned at 6:55 PM.

**Motion Carried**