

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF MAY 19, 2014

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

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

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alderpersons Earll & Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Building Services Supervisor Pokorny; Police Chief Gramza; GIS Coordinator Buehler; Director of Planning & Economic Development Angell the media; and others.

PW14-77 Motion by Cummings, second by Wagner to recommend approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2014 Board of Public Works meeting.

Motion Carried

Citizen Comments – None

Street Superintendent Panzer presented a Street Division construction update. In addition, Panzer reported that the CN Railroad will be working on the northbound Central Avenue railroad crossing on Tuesday, May 20 starting at 7:00 AM. Brian also reported that the temporary closure of the Maple Avenue railroad crossing will go into effect at 6:00 am on Wednesday, May 21. City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update. Turchi also reported that there will be a survey on the City website looking for feedback on the Maple closure.

PW14-78 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the low bid submitted by Don Nikolai Construction for demolition of buildings at 201 South Peach Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$12,020 and authorize execution of a contract.

Motion Carried

The Board discussed parking on East 17th Street from Central to Maple. The Board heard from Diane Klinke, 113 East 17th, who read an recent e-mail that she sent to her Alderman, Char Smith regarding this issue. Paul Winslow, 110 E 17th stated that he lives next to the motel and traffic is coming into the hotel lot and making a u-turn by using his driveway to exit back onto 17th Street. Mari Bohman stated that traffic on 17th Street is an issue because there are no other nearby routes connecting Central & Maple. Director of Planning & Economic Development Angell reported that the restaurant use is larger than was anticipated and the Conditional use will likely go back to the Plan Commission for review, but he would like to see how the proposed parking changes work before updating the Plan Commission.

PW14-79 Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to recommend approval of ‘No Parking’ on the north side of East 17th Street from 160 feet east of the east right of way line of Central Avenue to Maple Avenue, and that upon approval the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations be amended accordingly.

Buttke voted ‘No’ Motion Carried

PW14-80 Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner to recommend approval of the City of Marshfield’s participation in the Wood County aerial photography project, direct staff to proceed with Option 3 which will partner with Marshfield Utilities, Wood County and Wood County’s partners and authorize staff to execute a memorandum of understanding with Wood County.

Motion Carried

The Board discussed the parking coupon concept which would give some relief to those customers parked downtown whose appointments extend beyond 90 minutes and they get a parking ticket. Wagner is concerned that this encourages bad behavior by not requiring longer term parkers to use the 3 hour municipal lots rather than park on the street. Buttke questioned why we don't enforce parking restrictions during the peak shopping period in December when you would think you'd want to encourage more turnover of vehicles. Cummings felt that there would be no harm in a trial period.

PW14-81 Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the downtown parking coupon books policy as presented, with a trial period of use from June 1, 2014 to November 30, 2014.

Buttke & Wagner Voted 'No' Motion Carried

PW14-82 Motion by Jockheck, second by Wagner to recommend approval of an easement through the 'Chicago' municipal parking lot for Data Flow, 112 West 5th Street, as presented.

Motion Carried

PW14-83 Motion by Cummings, second by Jockheck to adjourn to closed session at 6:26 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 Hume Avenue

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

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

PW14-84 Motion by Jockheck, second by Cummings to reconvene in open session at 6:39 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 Buttke, second by Cummings that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Motion Carried