

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES**  
**OF AUGUST 3, 2015**

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

**EXCUSED:** Chris Jockheck

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Meyer, Aldermen Earll & Spiros, Director of Public Works Knoeck; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Winch; Wastewater Superintendent Warp; Planning & Economic Development Director Angel; City Planner Miller; Al Michalski - EDB; Randy Lueth - Landscape Architect; Scott Larson - MACCI; Angie Eloranta - Main Street Mfld; Judge John Kruse; the media; and others.

**PW15-91** Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Board of Public Works meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Citizen Comments – None**

Director of Public Works Knoeck presented an Engineering Division construction update. Street Superintendent Winch presented a Street Division construction update.

Wastewater Superintendent Warp presented the 2014 Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.

**PW15-92** Motion by Wagner, second by Feirer to recommend approval of the 2014 Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and refer Resolution 2015-38 to the Common Council for approval.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-93** Motion by Cummings, second by Feirer to recommend approval of the Engineering Agreement with Strand Associates for the Annual Wastewater Rate Review and authorize execution of the agreement.

**Motion Carried**

**PW15-94** Motion by Feirer, second by Cummings to recommend approval to allow the Library Project Construction Manager to self-perform work under the “Building Works” bid category.

**Motion Carried**

City Planner Miller and Landscape Architect Randy Lueth presented information on the final proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Alderman Jockheck arrived at 6:07 PM.

The Board of Public Works heard from the following individuals:

John Adam Kruse, 806 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, has a private practice at 113 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. He first thanked the Common Council for all their efforts in developing this plan. He would have liked to have parking on the north side of the street. Should take the approach of looking at what is in the best interest of the downtown and consider what problem you are trying to solve. He does have a few questions such as why have outdoor dining in front of a law office and what are the pedestrian generators?

John Sikora, 9011 Thompson Road, Marshfield. He heard a rumor that Mittens was in favor of this. This is certainly not the case, they have never been in favor. He has not heard anyone speak favorably about the project, and maybe there is a reason. We went from a concern about parking to now have no parking on their side of the street.

Paul Schreiner, along with wife JoAnn own the PSE building downtown at 200 North Central Avenue. He is asking for a loading zone for his building. The new concept takes away all loading possibilities. He can't back a truck into the angle parking stalls. He is looking for new tenants in the building but they need to have loading access. They would have to cone off at least 6 stalls to allow enough room for a truck to back in from the alley, parallel with the curb. He is asking for help on this to be able to attract a quality tenant at this location.

Al Michalski, 213 Larch Avenue. There has been much discussion regarding impact to parking, which clearly parking is important, but he doesn't think this is the real issue. There are parking lots in all blocks adjacent to the corridor. He thinks the real issue is change. This could be a first step in improving our downtown by connecting the new library with SJ Miller. These are two gems that have the potential to attract customers downtown. Nearly \$19 million has been invested in downtown in the last 15 to 20 years. He asked the Board to support the proposed changes to the corridor.

Bill Penker, 600 South Sycamore Avenue, member of the City Plan Commission, but these comments are solely his own. In 2010 at a Council meeting, Paul Rogers made a comment that nothing will ever change if we continue with the status quo. We cannot keep criticizing Washington and Madison for not rethinking when we don't do it on the local level. This project is not a new idea. It was introduced in 2006 in the Downtown Master Plan at that time and an implementation schedule was established. Change can be difficult but if we don't change we won't move forward. He urges the Council to move forward with this.

Char Smith, 1621 South Cedar Avenue, is speaking in favor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street corridor. She did her own empirical parking study today by driving 2<sup>nd</sup> Street four times today. The most she saw was five cars parked on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The number of stalls is not the problem. The problem is the lack of cars parked in those stalls.

Joe Gustafson, 415 Magee Street, agrees with the previous three speakers that this needs to happen. He lives near downtown, visits often, sees the benefit of this and supports this concept.

Ken Bargander, 206 Hawthorn Avenue, serves on Historic Preservation Committee and ZBA, although his comments are his own. He has done business with Mittens. This change would not impact his use of the business. He would happily walk across the street to get to the business and believes other customers would do the same.

Angie Eloranta, Main Street. She is impressed with the number of people that came out to share their comments. Main Street did have some concerns initially but are happy to see this move forward.

Ron Berry, 2424 N Peach, has lived here all his life. In 1950, population 12,954, in 65 years our population has only grown by 6,500 people. He wonders why change is so hard in Marshfield. If you always want what you always have, they you always get what you always had.

Erin Howard, Park Street, owns property downtown with her husband Chris. Was glad to hear comments from people tonight because they are important and she wishes all could be accommodated. However she feels this plan is a good thing for the downtown. She had one question, could the driveway off Second to the municipal lot be eliminated so more room for Mittens?

Marsha Bushman, 2508 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. She does not own a business but feels that enhanced pedestrian spaces will bring people downtown. She identified several benefits from green spaces. Through her work travel, she sees what other communities are doing in their downtowns and thinks wouldn't it be nice to have that in Marshfield too. She now realizes that yes, we can have it here.

**PW15-95** Motion by Wagner, second by Jockheck to recommend approval of the proposed concept for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as presented and direct Engineering staff to move forward with preparing the appropriate construction documents for 2016 construction.

**Motion Carried**

**Recommended items for future agendas:**

- Alderman Wagner requested a discussion item on possible downtown parking ordinance changes.
- Set time and date of annual Board of Public Works bus tour.

Motion by Feirer, second by Jockheck that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**Motion Carried**

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary  
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