

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES**  
**OF JUNE 2, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Feirer at 5:33 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

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

**EXCUSED:** Chris Jockheck

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alderperson Earll; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Wastewater Superintendent Warp; the media; and others.

**PW14-85** Motion by Cummings, second by Wagner to recommend approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2014 Board of Public Works meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Citizen Comments – None**

City Engineer Turchi presented an Engineering Division construction update.

**PW14-86** Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report as presented and refer Resolution No. 2014-31 to the Common Council for consideration.

**Motion Carried**

**PW14-87** Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the following preliminary resolutions for 2014 special assessment projects and refer to the Common Council for consideration:

- a. Resolution No. 2014-32 – West 26<sup>th</sup> Street (Central Avenue to Wittman Avenue)
- b. Resolution No. 2014-33 – Hume Avenue (North of McMillan Street)

**Motion Carried**

**PW14-88** Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to recommend approval of the contracts to maintain the Catholic and Lutheran cemeteries as presented, for a five year period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2019.

**Motion Carried**

**PW14-89** Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the plans for the following 2014 construction projects as presented, and authorize advertising for bids:

- a. West 26<sup>th</sup> Street (Central Avenue to Wittman Avenue)
- b. Hume Avenue (North of McMillan Street)

**Motion Carried**

Director of Public Works Knoeck reviewed Public Works Policy No. 5.200 – Street Construction and Reconstruction, specifically the section that addresses conversion of ditched streets to curb and gutter with approval of 70% of the property owners. It was suggested at the May 27, 2014 Common Council meeting that staff should be recommending where curb and gutter conversion should be considered rather than the residents. Experience has shown that when surveyed, the majority of property owners choose to keep the ditches because special assessments are less. Knoeck pointed out that typically, staff would be recommending conversion to curb and gutter on narrow (less than 60 feet) right-of-way streets with sidewalk on one or both sides. 2014 projects that fit into this category include State Avenue (4<sup>th</sup> to Adler), Wisconsin Avenue (6<sup>th</sup> to Adler), and Hardacre Avenue (5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>). Cummings stated that the more curb & gutter we do, the less we'll be able to spend on other streets. Wagner agreed with Cummings and also stated that he is not in favor of conversion to curb and gutter simply for aesthetic

purposes. There must be a compelling reason for curb & gutter. As an alternative, if there is really a desire to set a policy to get rid of all ditched streets then maybe it should be put to referendum that one mil of the tax rate for 10 years be targeted for street improvements, specifically curb & gutter. Consensus from the Board of Public Works was that 2014 projects should continue as planned with ditches but in the future, consideration should be given to curb and gutter conversion projects in the CIP where warranted. Turchi pointed out that ditches do provide a storm water management benefit by removing total suspended solids. Wagner also asked for an analysis of the cost to convert all streets to curb and gutter and how far one mil per year for 10 years would go.

**Recommended items for future agendas: None**

Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke that the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 PM.

**Motion Carried**

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary  
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