

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF AUGUST 20, 2007

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

PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Don Krueger, Josh Hansen, Mike Feirer and Tim Kraus

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alderperson Feddick; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Building Services Supervisor Donath; Electrical Inspector Pokorny; Parks & Recreation Director Englehart; Dave Tiffany; Bill Penker; John Scheuer; the media and others.

Citizen's Comments

John Scheuer, representing Marsh 21, stated that the goal of three scoreboards at Miller Park has been realized. CellCom has come on board to complete funding for the third sign. The other donors are Associated Bank, Lang Companies and Paget Equipment.

City Engineer Turchi and Street Superintendent Panzer presented an update to the Board of Public Works regarding 2007 construction projects.

PW07-73 Motion by Feirer, second by Kraus to recommend approval of the request from Marsh 21 to install a donor recognition monument at Steve J. Miller Recreation Area and to work with City staff to make sure that the project meets all necessary City standards and requirements.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

The Board of Public Works discussed Marshfield Utilities' tree trimming for the overhead line east of Marathon Street. The Board of Public Works directed City Administrator Brehm to contact the Electric Utility and express their concern regarding the utility's delay in cleaning up the brush that remains from the trimming.

PW07-74 Motion by Kraus, second by Hansen to recommend approval of changes to Chapter 17 – Electrical Code as presented and request an ordinance be drafted for Common Council consideration.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW07-75 Motion by Feirer, second by Kraus to recommend 'No Parking at Any Time' on both sides of Northridge Street from the west line of Hamus Drive to the intersection of STH 97 (Central Avenue) and that upon approval by the Common Council the recommended changes be made to the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW07-76 Motion by Feirer, second by Krueger to recommend 'No Parking at Any Time' on both sides of Chestnut Avenue from the north line of Upham Street to a distance of 300 feet north and that upon approval by the Common Council the recommended changes be made to the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW07-77 Motion by Kraus, second by Hansen to recommend installation of a yield sign at the intersection of 25th Street and Apple Avenue with Apple Avenue yielding to 25th Street and that upon approval by the Common Council the recommend change be made to the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

The Board of Public Works discussed the mill-in-place asphalt paving program with ditching vs. street reconstruction with curb and gutter. Comments were as follows:

- Alderman Kraus feels we should be spending more on curb and gutter.
- Alderman Krueger feels ditch construction is a problem at match in and snow plows put shoulder gravel in ditches and believes that curb and gutter would solve these problems.
- Alderman Feirer stated it is tough to get curb and gutter projects included in the CIP due to all the other demands for funding.
- Alderman Kraus feels good projects are East Cleveland Street and Harrison Street.
- William Penker observed two construction projects in his neighborhood – 7th Street mill-in-place and Sycamore to the north. He feels the bigger question is what is actual need for sidewalk in residential neighborhoods. In his opinion, sidewalk is not really needed on most residential streets. There are really three options - status quo, curb with sidewalk or curb without sidewalk.
- Alderman Kraus feels we should not mandate sidewalk to be put in with curb. The City should change the policy not to require sidewalk with curb and gutter.
- Director of Public Works Knoeck read an e-mail from Nate Norberg, 700 South Cypress Avenue, who could not be present for the discussion. He believes that property owners should be given the option for curb and gutter.
- Chairman Wagner stated two key issues: 1. the need is great and funds are limited, and 2. how is our stormwater permit impacted by ditches vs. curb and gutter.
- Alderman Kraus feels we need to look at increased funding for street improvements to meet the needs.
- Chairman Wagner asked that this item be placed on the next agenda.

Since the first Monday of September falls on a holiday, the Board of Public Works meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

The Board of Public Works Tour is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Hansen, second by Kraus that the meeting be adjourned at 7:01 PM.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS