BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 18, 2008

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

PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Josh Hansen, Mike Feirer, Tim Kraus and Don Krueger
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Meyers; City Administrator Brehm; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Parks & Recreation Director Englehart; Gary Jepson – Marshfield Police Department; Paul Rodenbeck – Marshfield School District; the media and others.

Citizen's Comments
None.

Construction Update
City Engineer Turchi informed the Board of Public Works that the Walnut detention basin project is still underway. Traffic signals at Veterans Parkway and 29th Street have been operational since February 14, 2008.

PW08-10 Motion by Feirer, second by Krueger to recommend approval of low bid submitted by Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc. of Pewaukee, WI in the amount of $519,932.40 for 2008 Sanitary Sewer Lining and authorize execution of a contract.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW08-11 Motion by Feirer, second by Hansen to recommend approval of the low quotation submitted by Pro Cut of Marshfield, WI for the "All Sites' option number one for park mowing services and authorize execution of a contract.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

The Board of Public Works discussed traffic control and parking restrictions on North Palmetto Avenue from Becker road to Grant Street. Comments were heard from the following:

- Alderman Kraus stated that he has seen kids in dangerous situations and sees the need for signs as they are posted but doesn't see a need for a change. It may come down to an enforcement issue. He feels this is not really a City problem and that the School District could consider a circle drive on the west side of the school.

- Paul Rodenbeck, Marshfield School District does not see a need to make a change. The circle drive and parking lot were improved in 2002 to accommodate pickup and drop off. They don't want pickup and drop off on Palmetto Avenue as it is now. He suggested the School District could provide stronger encouragement not to use Palmetto Avenue.

- Gary Jepson, Marshfield Police Department recognizes this is an enforcement problem and is not unique to this area. The Police Department tries to spread out officers and unless an officer is there constantly compliance is unlikely.

This was a discussion item only – no action was taken at this time.

PW08-12 Motion by Kraus, second by Hansen to recommend approval of the acceptance of a Department of Natural Resources Grant and the donation from Mr. & Mrs. Joe Weber for construction of a shelter/restroom building at the Joe and Bernadine Weber's Nature Park and approve a budget resolution to complete the project in 2008 and refer to the Common Council for consideration.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW08-13 Motion by Feirer, second by Krueger to remove the loading zone on South Maple Avenue between 506 and 512 South Maple 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

Director of Public Works Knoeck reviewed a draft revised Project Agreement with WisDOT for South Central Avenue. The primary change is an update of the cost estimates. The city share is for streetscape elements is higher than originally anticipated. The streetscape plan approved the Council in June of 2007 had an estimated cost of $1.6 million. The current estimate is $2.5 million. Staff will be reviewing the estimates in more detail to confirm that the current plan is still consistent with the plan adopted by the Council in June. Action will be scheduled for a future Board of Public Works meeting.

PW08-14 Motion by Kraus, second by Feirer to recommend approval of Public Works Department budget carryovers as follows and refer to the Finance, Budget & Personnel Committee for consideration:

- 101.53311.1903.5240 – Asphalt overlay on East 4th Street (Karau to Hume) - $40,000
- 101.53432.1781.5240 – 2007 Annual Sidewalk Repairs - $35,000

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Recommended items for future agendas:

- Alderman Kraus suggested that the street improvement program is not keep up, particularly with our concrete streets. He would like the CIP Committee to consider doubling the money for the annual asphalt paving projects.
- Alderman Wagner has received an inquiry regarding traffic control and the possibility of crossing guards at Becker Road and Palmetto Avenue.
- Alderman Kraus questioned if traffic signals can go to flash mode during non-peak times of the day, not just at night – specifically Doege Street and Central Avenue.

Motion by Krueger, second by Hansen that the meeting be adjourned at 6:14 PM.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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