

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

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

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Ed Wagner, Dave LaFontaine, Josh Hansen and Don Krueger

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Brehm; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Fire Chief Schmidt; Parks & Recreation Director Englehart; Jeff Schultz; Gordon Adler; the media and others.

Citizen Comments

- Gordon Adler, 308 North Central Avenue, member of Friends of the Trail, stated that this item has not been discussed by Friends of the Trail. Mr. Adler is in favor a four-way stop at the intersection of Adler Road and Lincoln Avenue. After discussion with some members, there is a concern with children and families using the intersection with the new trail. Anything less than a four-way stop will be inadequate. He also realizes that traffic on Adler Road is traveling faster than they should be. If this is not approved tonight, it should be reviewed again.
- Ed Englehart, 1506 Adler Road, speaking as a resident, stated his concern with the number of vehicles mixing with pedestrians at the new trail crossing. He wants to be sure that thorough consideration has been given before a decision is made. He does see families and children with bikes and doesn't want to create an unsafe situation.

City Engineer Turchi and Street Superintendent Panzer presented a construction update to the Board of Public Works.

PW08-96 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Hansen to recommend that the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Adler Road remain as two-way stop control with Lincoln Avenue stopping for Adler Road and authorizing installation of pedestrian crossing signs at their proper locations. Further recommend installation of pedestrian activated flashing lights as funding allows and continue monitoring pedestrian activity as utilization increases.

Krueger voted 'No', Feirer, Hansen, Wagner & LaFontaine voted 'Aye' Motion Carried

PW08-97 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Hansen to recommend that the Department of Public Works contact Wood County to petition for a speed limit reduction on Adler Road west of Lincoln Avenue.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW08-98 Motion by Krueger, second by Wagner to recommend that 'No Parking This Side of Street – August – November – 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM' be posted as follows within 1,500 feet of Beell Stadium and that upon approval by the Common Council the recommended changes be made to the Administrative Code of Traffic and Parking Regulations:

- 6th Street (Palmetto Avenue to Peach Avenue)
- 7th Street (Palmetto Avenue to Peach Avenue)
- Apple Avenue (5th Street to 8th Street)
- 6th Street (Felker Avenue to Washington Avenue)
- Weister Court

- 14th Street (Felker Avenue to Tamarack Avenue)
- 15th Street (Felker Avenue to Madison Avenue)
- Hemlock Avenue (8th Street to 15th Street)
- Erickson Avenue (9th Street to 15th Street)
- Apple Avenue (9th Street to 15th Street)

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

Director of Public Works Knoeck updated the Board of Public Works on the South Central Avenue and South Roddis Avenue storm sewer reconstruction. From 5th Street to Veterans Parkway, a new 24” diameter trunk line will be installed. From 5th Street to 9th Street, there is an existing 2’ x 3’ box culvert storm sewer that will be removed and replaced with a 36” diameter sewer. From 9th Street to approximately 16th Street, the existing storm sewer trunk will remain in place. There are two trunk lines consisting of twin 48” x 76” elliptical pipe installed in 1996 and a 3’ x 6’ box culvert installed in the 1920’s. Forensic testing was conducted on the box culvert and it was determined that with a structural improvement to the roof of the box, it could be expected to last another 50 years or more. Rehabilitating the existing box culvert will save approximately \$150,000 as compared to replacement.

From 16th Street to the start of the project, the existing 66” corrugated metal storm sewer pipe (CMP) is proposed for replacement. This pipe is located directly under the terrace trees on the west side of the road. As such those terrace trees will be removed and replaced as part of the project. Several alternatives were evaluated as part of plan development. These include; do nothing – leave the existing 66” CMP in place; replace the existing pipe; or rehabilitate the existing pipe with one of several trenchless technologies. The estimated cost of replacement through traditional open cut methods is approximately \$222/LF. Trenchless rehabilitation options range in price from \$305 to \$660/LF. Other considerations include:

1) The 66” CMP was installed in 1963 and appears to be in fair condition; however it is unlikely that it could provide another 50 years of life. Due to the close proximity of the sewer to the curb line and the depth beneath the curb, replacing this sewer in the future after South Roddis Avenue is reconstructed, will not be possible without damaging the street.

2) There are 39 trees located in the west terrace from 16th Street to the south end of the project. Eight of these trees must be removed to accommodate the reconfiguration of the 16th Street intersection and widening of Roddis Avenue to allow for a center left turn lane at 16th Street. Another seven of these trees must be removed to replace storm, sanitary and water laterals. This leaves 24 trees that could be saved if the 66” CMP was not replaced. Of these 24 trees, 10 are ash, one is an elm and 13 are honey locust. The ash trees are in serious jeopardy due to the Emerald Ash Borer and the elm is at risk of Dutch Elm Disease. As such, there are 13 trees from approximately Hardees south that are likely to outlive the project. To save these trees through a trenchless rehabilitation option would cost approximately \$113,000 more than the open cut method or nearly \$9,000 per tree, based on the estimated costs referenced above.

3) The tree replacement plan for this area includes seven different varieties which will greatly reduce the impact of a future species specific disease or pest.

This was an informational item only.

PW08-99 Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to recommend approval of the Hartl site storm and sanitary sewer replacement project and authorize advertising for bids.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PW08-100 Motion by Krueger, second by Hansen to adjourn to closed session at 6:19 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.

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Present in Closed Session: Aldermen Feirer, Krueger, Hansen, Wagner and LaFontaine; City Administrator Brehm; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi.

PW08-101 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Krueger to reconvene in open session at 6:46 PM.

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

There was no action taken in open session on the closed session item.

Recommend items for future agendas:

None

Motion by Krueger, second by Hansen that the meeting be adjourned at 6:46 PM.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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