

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF JANUARY 18, 2010

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

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Dave LaFontaine, Tom Buttke, Ed Wagner and Don Krueger

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alderman Earll; City Administrator Brehm; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Fire Chief Schmidt; Deputy Fire Chief Erickson; Mike Voss – MSA; Bill Penker; and others.

Citizen Comments

Bill Penker, 600 South Sycamore Avenue, commented on the proposed fire sprinkler ordinance. His comments are from the perspective of a property owner and taxpayer. In January, the Fire & Police Commission approved moving forward with a fire sprinkler ordinance with a vote of 4-1. He is a proponent of the ordinance and wants this to cover a full range of occupancies from commercial to single family homes. The Common Council also took action to move forward with the ordinance (CC02-201). He discussed several studies about fire sprinkler systems. He suggested the use of a tax credit for those who retrofit, either short term or long term to support their efforts for public safety. Fire sprinklers assist in reducing the need for more fire staff, equipment and hydrants. He feels fire fighting is the art of reaction, while fire prevention is proactive and the sprinkler ordinance is proactive.

Fire Chief Schmidt presented a Fire Station construction update. Footings, foundations, geothermal, electric underground and gas service are now complete. The precast walls are currently being erected, as well as the second floor panels. Some good news - LEED certificate has improved from silver (14% energy savings) to gold (25%-30% energy savings). The project has also realized \$80,000 savings by the City purchasing supplies, thus avoiding sales tax.

- City Administrator Brehm commented on the proposed vs. actual tax savings.
- Alderman Krueger questioned the savings versus expenditures.
- Alderman Wagner commented on the tax savings and questioned if additional money was spent. He also requested a financial report update on the project.
- Alderman Feirer asked for clarification from the alderpersons of the type of information they were requesting in this report.
- Krueger was requesting specific detail of the current expenditures to date within this report.

Quotations were opened and read for a 60,000 GVWR tandem axle dump truck with snow plow and wing.

Mid State Truck Service, Inc.

Marshfield, WI

Cost: Quote 1: \$134,750.00 (Stainless & Repair snow plow & wing)

Quote 2: \$133,394.00 (Monroe Truck Equipment snow plow & wing)

Bond: None Submitted

V & H, Inc.

Marshfield, WI 54449

Cost: Quote 1: \$164,102.00 (Stainless & Repair snow plow & wing)

Quote 2: \$162,746.00 (Monroe Truck & Equipment snow plow & wing)

Bond: 5% Bid Bond

PW10-03 Motion by Buttke, second by Lafontaine to recommend holding the quotations for a 60,000 GVWR tandem axle dump truck with snow plow and wing over for review and recommendation at the next Board of Public Works meeting.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Fire Chief Schmidt presented the proposed fire sprinkler ordinance. Chief Schmidt began with a brief history of the ordinance creation to date:

- April, 2002 – Tier 1 Fire Department Facility Needs Committee
- October, 2003 – Fire Department Sprinkler Advantage Final Program
- January, 2004 – Mayor Select Committee recommended Ordinance be presented to Police & Fire Commission.
- January, 2004 – Common Council approved minutes from the Mayors Select Committee
- March, 2004 – Common Council recommend the development of a sprinkler ordinance to be brought back to Common Council for consideration.

Chief Schmidt presented several details within this proposed ordinance. Deputy Chief Erickson is the primary author of this draft ordinance. Chief Schmidt announced the dates of the public informational meetings of January 21st and 28th at 6 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza. 65 architect/developers were invited to hear a presentation and to comment on the proposed ordinance. He would like to take formal action at the February 15th Board of Public Works meeting. The first reading of the ordinance would then take place on February 23rd with the second reading on March 9th along with a recommendation for Common Council approval.

- Alderman Buttke stated that he is in favor of the ordinance but feels we need more input.
- Alderman LaFontaine would like to see records of buildings that were not sprinklered.
- Erickson feels this information may be available.
- LaFontaine questioned if there is a reduction in insurance costs when a building is sprinklered.
- Wagner asked if Tier 1 is only for buildings of greater than 5,000 SF.
- Schmidt stated that sprinklers may migrate to single family homes by 2013.
- Buttke questioned a tax credit to assist in offsetting the cost and creating an incentive to install sprinkler systems.
- Buttke asked about the availability of any state grants.
- Erickson was only aware of a bill in committee to depreciate sprinkler systems from day one.
- Wagner asked how this ordinance differs from the current state code.
- Erickson gave examples.
- Chief Schmidt stated the draft ordinance will be posted on the Fire Department website for public review.

PW10-04 Motion by LaFontaine, second by Wagner to recommend approval of MSA Professional Services of Marshfield, WI as the consultant for USH 10 interceptor sewer design at a cost not to exceed \$40,779 and authorize execution of a contract.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

Note: Approval of transmission line easement and substation easement to A.T.C. was removed from the agenda per Bob Trussoni, Marshfield Utilities.

PW10-05 Motion by Wagner, second by LaFontaine to recommend approval of the Conveyance of Rights and Temporary Easement documents for sanitary sewer crossing Veterans Parkway at the Wastewater Treatment Plant entrance road and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

PW10-06 Motion by Krueger, second by LaFontaine to recommend approval of the revised rates for Street Surface Replacement, effective January 1, 2010.

All ‘Ayes’ Motion Carried

City Engineer Turchi presented and discussed the operation and maintenance of the City's 28 traffic signals. He presented several details of the operation of traffic signs and further explained the parameters of the pretimed peak modes.

- Wagner questioned free flow mode.
- Turchi explained this type of operation.
- Wagner has received complaints on Central, Chestnut, Vine and Veterans Parkway 'loves' the red arrows. He was concerned with the inductance coils and his left turn movements.
- Feirer questioned the operation of Chestnut/Veterans, Vine/Veterans and Central/Veterans.
- Krueger is concerned with the storage of snow in the left turn lanes on the inductance loops and would like this snow to be removed sooner.
- Buttke commented on reductions of time on main line will cause additional delays.
- Buttke questioned the operation of Adler/Oak.
- Wager questioned yellow flashing lights during the late evening and early morning hours for Central Avenue.
- Turchi explained these intersections are no longer wired for this type of operation, but in the signals can be programmed to utilize a 'resting green' in the late evening and early morning hours.

PW10-07 Motion by Krueger, second by LaFontaine to recommend approval of Resolution 2010-03 – Project No. 311906 - 2010 mill in place paving projects, and refer to the Common Council for consideration.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Recommended items for future agendas - None

Motion by LaFontaine, second by Krueger that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 PM.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Thomas R. Turchi, Acting Secretary
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