

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES
OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012

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

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alderman Earl; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; Assistant City Engineer Cassidy; Street Superintendent Panzer; Norm Stoiber; Jim Bell, JoAnn Weber; the media; and others.

PW12-126 Motion by Buttke, second by Cummings to recommend approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2012 Public Works meeting.

All 'Ayes', Motion Carried

Citizen Comments

Jim Bell, 1308 North St. Joseph Avenue – requesting a street light mid-block on Laird. A previous e-mail sent by Mr. Bell contains the detail of his request. Current lights are at an angle and trees block light so nothing gets to mid-block. There have been some security issues in the neighborhood. Private security lights have helped but don't light the street. There has been an on-going problem for a long time but walkers are becoming more prevalent now. More development in the area is likely which will contribute to the problem.

JoAnn Weber, 1401 Shawano Drive, had a utility flood light installed in her yard. She went through the proper steps to get it. The neighbors were appreciative except one neighbor to the north who complained so the light was removed. Now she is looking to get the street light. Her neighbor, Joel Anderson, required an electrician to fix a problem one evening and he commented that the street is too dark to see the house number.

Knoeck reviewed the street light installation policy. Mid-block street lights are allowed on blocks over 500 feet long. The Laird block is only 460 feet long so does not qualify for a mid-block light. Concern was raised that if this mid-block street light is approved, it would open the door for other requests City wide and many blocks have dark areas between intersections. Knoeck pointed out that Laird does have a slight curve at one end and that could be consideration for justifying a mid-block light. The street light policy could be amended to allow for mid-block lights near curves. The question then came up as to how many locations might qualify for a light under that scenario and how much might it cost. Barg suggested that this item be postponed to allow the Engineering Division to research these items further.

PW 12-127 Motion by Workinger, second by Wagner to postpone further action on this item to the December 17, 2012 Board of Public Works meeting pending a report from the Engineering Division on how many locations might qualify for a mid-block street light and an estimate of what the costs might be.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Knoeck reviewed the refuse and recycling collection services. The Board heard from Norm Stoiber, 2909 West Veterans Parkway who expressed his concern that the issue is one of fairness in waste pickup. He has been paying for garbage collection for his private residence and wants the same treatment as other owners of single family residences. He has 5 units in his building but only 4 units are rented out. He checked the other 5-unit buildings in the City and none of the owners of these live there. He feels the definition in the City code should be changed to clarify that City collection is provided to

residential structures with 4 or fewer rental units, not residential units. He also stated that he would be willing to pay the City rate if he could get garbage pickup under the City contract.

PW12-128 Motion by Wagner, second by to direct staff to bring this item back on December 17, 2012 with additional information regarding definitions, the equity in Veolia charges for private collection, and a review by the City Attorney.

All 'Nayes' Motion Failed

Staff will review the situation, have the City Attorney review our current code and definitions, and discuss with Veolia what they would charge to add 5 and 6 unit facilities to the City contract and bring this information back on December 17.

PW12-129 Motion by Cummings, second by Buttke to adjourn to closed session at 6:45 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.

- **Disposition of City owned property at 4th Street & Galvin Avenue**

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Present in Closed Session: Aldermen Feirer, Cummings, Wagner, Workinger, Buttke & Earll; City Administrator Barg; Director of Public Works Knoeck; City Engineer Turchi; and Street Superintendent Panzer.

PW12-130 Motion by Wagner, second by Buttke to reconvene in open session at 6:56 PM.

Roll call vote, all 'Ayes' Motion Carried

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

Recommended items for future agendas - None

Motion by Buttke, second by Wagner that the meeting be adjourned at 6:57 PM.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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