

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, September 10, 2018

Police Department – 933 Michigan Avenue
Stevens Point, WI 54481

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairperson Mayor Wiza, Director of Public Works Scott Beduhn, Comptroller/Treasurer (C/T) Corey Ladick and Tricia Church; **Alderspersons:** Tori Jennings(1st), Jeremy Slowinski(6th), Mary Kneebone(7th), Mary McComb(9th) and Shaun Morrow(11th).

ALSO PRESENT:

DIRECTORS: Tom Schrader – Parks & Recreation, Joel Lemke – Public Utilities & Transportation and Michael Ostrowski – Inspection & Development.

OTHER CITY STAFF MEMBERS: City Attorney Andrew Beveridge, Police Chief Martin Skibba, Police Officer Robert Kussow, Fire Chief Bob Finn, Streets Superintendent Dennis Laidlaw, City Streets Department Staff: David Worzalla, David Woitczak, Tyler Kiefer and Steve Plaski.

ALDERPERSONS: David Shorr(2nd), Cindy Nebel(3rd), Heidi Oberstadt(4th), Meleesa Johnson(5th), Cathy Dugan(8th), Mary McComb(9th) and Mike Phillips(10th).

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandi Makuski – Stevens Point Metro Wire, Alan Hovorka – Stevens Point Journal, Joe Bachman – S.P. City Times/P.C. Gazette, Keely Crook – 3101 Channel Drive, Lynn Schulist – 408 Glennon Avenue, Bob Ostrowski – 516 Michigan Avenue, Dave Wysocki – 2740 Stanley Street and Trevor Roark – 601 Washington Avenue.

Chairperson Mayor Wiza called to order the Board of Public Works meeting at 6:24 p.m. The meeting was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Police Department located at 933 Michigan Avenue in Stevens Point.

1. Consideration and possible action to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Director Beduhn added a comment regarding the Isadore Street Project. He asked that people be respectful of the contractor and what they're trying to accomplish if anyone has any dealings to do around the project area. He added that the sidewalk on the east side has been conveniently open.

Mayor Wiza asked the Director to give an update on the TAP Grant to which Director Beduhn said the series of meetings that are required for the funding are underway. The Public Informational Meeting is scheduled on September 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Mid-State Technical College. He added that we are looking at roughly a year's worth of design before we will be ready to put out a bid package for a 2020 actual construction.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved approval of the Director's Report; seconded by Aldersperson Morrow.

Aldersperson Slowinski asked if Director Beduhn could give a report on how the roundabout is doing so far to which Director Beduhn said that all indications are that everything is going good.

Aldersperson Morrow mentioned that he uses the roundabout and feels that it helps traffic flow along much better.

Mayor Wiza added that the only comment he received in his office is that they were pleased with the fact that there was no backup of traffic during busy times of the school.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. To accept the ordinance amendments for speed limits as it relates to the roundabout project.

Director Beduhn explained that the WisDOT had called his office after last month's Common Council Meeting indicating that they removed their speed limit signs; which increases the speed limit from previously posted at 45 mph to 55 mph. They had asked if we would be agreeable to do the same.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved approval of the amendments related to the speed limit change; seconded by Aldersperson Kneebone.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

4. To consider the bids for the Stanley Street Pavement Marking Project #18-09R to Century Fence Company out of Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

Mayor Wiza stated that if there is no objection, he would like move item #3 after we take item #4 as they are related and if we do or do not do one, we may not want to do the other. There were no objections.

Director Beduhn briefly explained the difference in the four attached bid tabulations and epoxy and paint alternatives. He added that he would consider Century Fence an epoxy specialist; which he added, is why it did not surprise him that the bid amounts came back the same between the epoxy and paint. He stated that he feels that because we bid it late in the season the prices are higher than expected but stated that it is not totally unreasonable.

Mayor Wiza expanded with a brief background that this project has been discussed several times and the city also held several public meetings. He explained that a few months back the Council voted to move forward to solicit bids. The first round of bidding yielded no bids, so it was rebid right away, receiving this one bid. The council set aside \$60,000 in the capital budget for 2018 to do these improvements; however, we have spent \$6,000 for AECOM to do the design review so we now have \$54,000 left in this year's capital budget to do this project. He stressed his concern over the significantly high bid versus what was allocated. He added that an option we have is to carry over the \$54,000 into next year and add an additional sum to make it more in line with this bid. He feels we should hold out until the spring and rebid it in hopes for a better price.

Aldersperson McComb asked Director Beduhn how we are sitting this year with public works expenditures to which Director Beduhn stated that with all our projects out there we are over so,

we have been hesitant to extend ourselves too much. He clarified that we still have some money; however, we would like to wait before we spend it so we do not end up in the red.

Aldersperson Morrow reported that a lot of his constituents were not in favor of this project; however, it did pass through this body. His concern is that the bid is \$40,000 over what was anticipated for this project. He feels it is hard for him to approve this unless we know where we are going to come up with the money.

Aldersperson Jennings said that she has had conversations with Director Beduhn regarding this and he stated that we have the money to do this project. She feels that this is a Community Development Program and should have been Community Development putting this project forward from the beginning. She added that two Directors and WisDOT have all supported this project.

Aldersperson Jennings moved to award the bid to Century Fence Company for the Stanley Street Pavement Marking Project with the base epoxy bid in the amount of \$96,900.25; seconded by Aldersperson McComb.

Aldersperson Slowinski commented that he has not supported this project from the beginning and he feels it would be very reckless if we approve this bid at \$40,000 over what we have budgeted.

Bob Ostrowski, 516 Michigan Avenue addressed the practicality of this bid. He explained that he has sold paints and epoxy for a living and feels that if we try to put an epoxy coating down at this time of the year is nothing short of irresponsible. He stated that epoxies are very tricky and need a curing time and correct conditions. He feels we should wait till spring when the conditions are better and he feels that the bids will also come in better at that time.

Mayor Wiza shared an email along with some photos he received today from Patty Kaczmarek. The photos were taken on Stanley Street when the crosswalk by Clayton Avenue was being built while the road was narrowed to single lane traffic. She feels that the congestion that was created at that time is proof of what condensed lanes will do to traffic. She also feels that people who live on Stanley Street and have to back out of driveways are getting their lives put in jeopardy.

Dave Wysocki, 2740 Stanley Street business owner stated that he feels that this project was decided upon long before there were any public meetings regarding it because he feels it did not matter what the public wanted. One of his concerns is the room that semis have when turning onto Stanley Street from Michigan Avenue. He feels the only thing that should happen is flashing lights like they have at Franklin and Division.

Lynn Schulist, 408 Glennon Avenue stressed her concern regarding the bid prices.

Aldersperson Phillips, District 10 Aldersperson stated that he disagrees with the bid prices and also feels we should look into what was stated for the time of year for doing epoxy.

Aldersperson Nebel, District 3 stated that she would like to see us wait till spring to rebid for possible better pricing.

Aldersperson Oberstadt, District 4 stated that she did vote to support this project because she feels it is a good project overall; however, she is concerned with only receiving one bid. She does not feel this project needs to be done at this time and is all for waiting until the spring to rebid it.

Mayor Wiza asked Director Beduhn how long the bids are good for to which Director Beduhn stated 60 days.

Aldersperson Dugan, District 8 expressed her concerns of laying the epoxy at this time of the year as well as the bid price. She would like this project to go through but is concerned about these two issues.

Trevor Roark, 601 Washington Avenue stated that he would also like this project to go through; however, he does not agree with this increase in price.

Mayor Wiza asked if Director Beduhn could speak a little about the curing process with the epoxy to which Director Beduhn stated that he is no expert on it but he knows that there is a difference between the two paints and epoxy does require much different conditions to which it needs to be applied. He stated that they have submitted the bid with the intent to do it and they are the experts.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked Director Beduhn if he thinks we would get more than one bid in if we waited till the spring to which Director Beduhn stated that the spring would be a more proper bidding time. He feels that if we wait we will have much more interest; however, there is never a guarantee on what you will get for prices

Mayor Wiza reiterated that this bid is roughly \$40,000 more then what we budgeted. He feels that at the very least we should wait until spring to rebid this.

Aldersperson Jennings stated that the Director stated that we have the money in the budget. She clarified that the \$60,000 amount that was put forward initially was not well researched by the previous Director of Public Works. She does not feel that this is a shocking amount of money when it comes to road work.

*Call for vote: Ayes: C/T Ladick, Kneebone, Jennings, McComb
Nays: Mayor Wiza, Slowinski, Morrow
Motion carried.*

3. To accept the ordinance amendments for the stop signs on Stanley Street at the Minnesota Avenue intersection.

Director Beduhn explained that this was part of the design for the Stanley Street Pavement Marking Project. His recommendation would be to not accept this and see how the road diet works before taking other control measures.

Aldersperson Kneebone agreed with Director Beduhn on waiting until the rest of the project is complete. That would also give staff time to see if they are actually needed.

Aldersperson Slowinski expressed his concern with putting in stop signs so close to the controlled intersection at Michigan Avenue. He added that the professionals that we hired to review the design that was put together by Public Works recommended that we do not put the stop signs in.

Aldersperson Slowinski moved to deny the ordinance amendments for stop signs on Stanley Street at Minnesota Avenue; seconded by Mayor Wiza.

Aldersperson Kneebone asked if this could be brought back at some point if the professionals deem it necessary to which Mayor Wiza replied yes it can.

Aldersperson McComb agrees with Director Beduhn in that we should wait to see how the project works before considering adding stop signs.

Ayes 6; nays Jennings; motion carried.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Mayor Wiza adjourned the September 10, 2018 Board of Public Works Meeting at 7:07 p.m.**