

Meeting Minutes

Board of Public Works

Monday, December 10, 2007

Lincoln Center, 1519 Water St.

PRESENT: Mayor Andrew Halverson, C/T Schlice, Director F. Joseph Euclide and Tricia Church; Alderpersons: Stroik, Heart, Brooks, and Myers. OTHERS PRESENT: Directors Gardner, Schrader and Halverson, City Clerk John Moe, Fire Chief Barnes, Captain Ruder, City Attorney Molepske, City Assessor James Siebers, Personnel Specialist Lisa Jakusz, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Laidlaw, Airport Manager Michael Pinney, Kelly Pazdernik, Jeremy Beaundry, David Zuege, Jeff Martin, Robert Jean, Gregg Ruffert, Reid Rocheleau, Eric Berens, Dawn Marschke, Corey Marschke, David Marten, Allan Marschke, Mary Ann Laszewski, Terese Barta, John Thompson, Jamie Klasinski, Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons: Hanson, Slowinski, Molski, Wiza, Trzebiatowski, and Moore.

Mayor Andrew Halverson called the meeting of the Board of Public Works to order on December 10, 2007 at 6:22 PM. The meeting was held at The Lincoln Senior Center Conference Room, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

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1. Parking Meter Report (October 2007 and November 2007): A) Meter/Permit Collection. B) Permits.
2. Traffic Study #TS07-07; Consideration/Action for No Parking on west side of West Whitney from the intersection with West Cornell to a point 246.5 feet south and on the south side of West Cornell from the intersection with West Whitney to a point 120 feet west.
3. Consideration/Action for Garbage Truck quotes.
4. Consideration/Action for (8) eight police squad quotes.
5. Consideration/Action for Airport Manager.
6. Director's Report: A) Airport. B) Engineering. C) Streets.

1. Parking Meter Report (Attachment):

There was no discussion regarding the Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Stroik to accept the October and November 2007 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

2. Consideration/Action for Traffic Study #TS-07-07: No Parking on west side of West Whitney from the intersection with West Cornell to a point 246.5 feet south and on the south side of West Cornell from the intersection with West Whitney to a point 120 feet to the west. (Attachment):

Alderperson Stroik asked if this would cover the property on an earlier date with Director Euclide. Director Euclide responded that yes, this includes that house at the property owners request on West Whitney.

Alderperson Stroik moved, seconded by Alderperson Myers to accept the No Parking on west side of West Whitney from the intersection with West Cornell to a point 246.5 feet to the south and on the south side of West Cornell from the intersection with West Whitney to a point 120 feet to the west.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

3. Consideration/Action to approve the Garbage Truck Quote. (Attachment):

Director Euclide explained that he recommends approval for the purchase of 4 new garbage truck units and roughly 7,700 carts of each size be awarded to Bruce Municipal Equipment in the amount of \$1,714,360.00. By moving forward to this automated system, it will free up 3 people to make up for 3 people that we previously lost. This is something that is done in many neighboring communities already. If we wait till after the first of the year to make a decision to purchase, the price will be increased by about 10% which will be an increase of about \$100,000.00. The garbage and recycling trucks are in need of replacement regardless if we go with this automated system or not.

Alderperson Myers questioned the pick-up of recycling states every other week vs. first and third -- second and fourth weeks. Director Euclide stated that the new plan is to pick-up recyclables bi-weekly regardless of how the weeks fall in any given month.

Mayor Halverson stated there will be carts available for viewing at City Hall in the hallway right outside his office. Also, the Alderpersons have the option of taking another set of carts to show people in their district if they choose to do so.

Mayor Halverson stated that student housing (meaning duplexes) will require a cart for each living quarters. The way it will work is, we will pickup one at no charge and any additional carts would be charged to the property owner at a volume based fee. Single resident homeowners that choose to have an additional cart would be required to pay for the additional cart but, we would not charge an additional volume fee for pickup of what's in the carts. Additional carts can be purchased for approximately \$55.00 each and would have to be paid for at time of receiving the new cart.

Alderperson Wiza asked about the choice in sizes of the carts. Director Euclide stated that based on the research he's done and the majority of people, we are going to be offering 65 gallon or 95 gallon cart sizes. The 35 gallon carts according to studies done in neighboring communities are very unstable and they don't move well with the small wheels.

Alderperson Wiza asked about elderly people that will have problems putting the carts out in the streets, not so much in the summer, mainly in the winter months. Director Euclide stated that we currently and will continue to have an application process people can elect to go through where when the driver gets to a specific house, the driver will get out of the truck to get the cart for them, tip the cart and put the cart back where it was.

Alderperson Wiza asked about the position of the carts in the streets and how that might be a problem in certain areas where parking fills up around the University in the early morning hours. Also, areas where duplexes share driveways but all have separate carts and how that's going to be worked on recyclable day where there's going to be a lot of carts lined up along the roads. Director Euclide responded that we may have to put parking restrictions on certain roads on garbage days to get around some of these possible problems. He also stated you're suppose to park 4 feet away from driveways which does leave some room to place the carts at the edge of driveways.

Alderperson Wiza wanted more information regarding what sort of policing will be done as far as what's dumped in the carts and how it will be monitored. Director Euclide said there will be cameras located on the trucks that will record what is being dumped into the trucks so we will be able to re-track it if we need to.

Alderson Wiza mentioned for viewers regarding the carts having bar codes or numbers on them that link that cart to specific properties. Director Euclide stated that will be how we will be purchasing them and everyone should be aware that the carts belong to the City and if they were to move, the carts stay with the property. If one were to get damaged, the City will replace it the first time but, after that it will be up to the property owner.

Alderson Wiza and Heart both wanted to have more information regarding the recycling of glass in our area and why we will not be able to recycle it anymore. Director Euclide said the makeup of glass is the same as sand when you crush it. It's also one of the few materials that do not have a lot of impact on the environment like a lot of other materials that we currently recycle. It also costs the county considerable amount of money to get rid of the glass because not a lot of places buy it. The state currently does not require that glass be collected as a recycled material and is in fact now in the process of removing glass all together from the recycling process.

Alderson Trzebiatowski and Heart wanted more information regarding why we only received one bid from one company. Director Euclide said we have a set of specifications that we developed after doing a considerable amount of research on the type of equipment we need. This happened to be the only dealer that could satisfy our needs. Dennis Laidlaw gave more detail on the truck itself.

Reid Rocheleau is opposed to the change because of all the issues that were brought up this evening. He thinks we would be taking a step backward instead of the City moving forward.

Alderson Stroik asked if we exceed the goals of efficiency on this, would we be able to use our additional staff members and extra time to possibly go out and collect refuse from surrounding areas such as Whiting or Plover to make money for the City. Mayor Halverson responded that we have looked into it but, when that revenue comes in, now we have to expend it and as we expend it, we get right back to the expenditure restraint that the state puts on us and we would reach that very quickly. In this case, it would not be good for the City and would cost the average homeowner more on their tax bills.

Alderson Brooks said he is not for this new automated system for the reason that if he has bigger bulkier items, the City won't pick them up if they don't fit in the cart with the lid closed.

Director Euclide stated that there is going to be some issues that we will have to work through to accommodate everyone but, there are many nearby areas that use this system and have no problems with it. We have and will learn from the issues they had getting implemented into this new refuse system.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Andrew Halverson to approve the purchase of 4 new garbage truck units and roughly 7,700 carts in the amount of \$1,714,360.00.

Ayes C/T Schlice, Mayor Halverson, Alderson Stroik; nays Aldersons Brooks, Heart, and Myers; motion tied to be forwarded to Common Council without recommendation.

4. Consideration/Action for the approval to purchase eight (8) Police Department Squad Cars from Scaffidi Motors in the amount of \$177,560.00. (Attachment):

Director Euclide noted that we received one bid from Scaffidi Motors and we are recommending that this be awarded to them in the amount of \$177,560.00.

Alderson Brooks asked how often do we purchase squad cars. Dennis Laidlaw answered with our life cycle is 2.5 years but, effectively it's a 3 year cycle. The last three purchasing cycles has been every 3 years for new purchases.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderson Myers to approve the purchase of eight (8) Police Department Squad Cars from Scaffidi Motors in the amount of \$177,560.00.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

5. Consideration/Action to award the Airport Manager Position to CAM Aviation, LLC. (Attachment):

C/T Schlice said he recommends the approval based on the numbers of \$29,000.00 difference.

Alderson Stroik wants to hear from both parties to hear why they both would like this position seeing that this is a reflection on the city.

7:15 P.M. BRIEF RECESS FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

7:22 P.M. MAYOR HALVERSON CALLED THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS BACK TO FINISH UP THE AGENDA. WE WILL START WITH MIKE PINNEY, AIRPORT MANAGER SPEAKING.

Mike Pinney, Airport Manager stood before us to say this is his career and he would like to continue doing what he is doing at the Airport. His Proposal came in higher because it was a Proposal and not a bid. His original bid would have been resigned for \$97,480.00. This would have been a difference of \$6,703.00. There are additions to the proposal because he has been doing additional work that he's not being compensated for and two years has taught him. Some expenses are: he receives no advertising or marketing funds. Everything he does is an out of pocket expense to him. Along with any after hours calls that come in and the timeliness of mowing the entire airport and relieving the City a savings of approximately \$4,500.00 that is budgeted. He would actually be charging the City \$3,200.00 for that mowing. Insurance prices are going up, training seminars and travel expenses related to that. He also would like to hire one part-time person for roughly 1,000 hours per year at about \$10.00 per hour to relieve him of some duties to cover others. He has received over three million dollars worth of improvements that had not been done previously. We are now a premier airport and in great condition and we have two more projects going on which will amount to approximately \$2,400,000.00. He justifies the extra \$7,000.00 by what he brings to the airport. He feels he's more qualified and has more contacts and would like to continue to give it his all at our airport.

Corey Marschke, Owner/Operator of CAM Aviation, LLC stood before us to say that he would like to better the Stevens Point Airport. He has done maintenance on aircrafts at the airport in the past. He is fully insured and would like to take over the Airport Manager Position. One thing he would like to bring back to the airport is the air show that Stevens Point used to have. He would like to bring the public in to view aircrafts. He has

prepared for this position by working with Sentry Aviation when they ran the airport. After Sentry Aviation stepped down from running the airport, he worked for the Marshfield Airport for Duffy's Aircraft Sales and Leasing. He then became an employee of Scaffidi Motors and moved up to Department Supervisor and has been acting as the Service Manager for the last two years running the Service Department. He feels he would be able to instruct and implement many employees. He feels he could bring new services and a new glow to our airport.

There was quite a bit of discussion from the audience on why Mike Pinney and RiverCities should keep his position as Airport Manager and all the good things he's done since he has been there to keep it up.

There was also quite a bit of discussion from the audience on why Corey Marschke and CAM Aviation LLC should take over our airport. His background and good experiences with many people who were there. Also how he is qualified in many areas to make our airport a better more respected place.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Halverson to approve the Airport Manager Position to CAM Aviation, LLC.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

6. Director's Report. (Attachment): [Read the Complete Report 18 KB pdf File Requires Free Acrobat Reader]

- **Stevens Point Airport**
- **Engineering**
- **Streets**

There was no discussion regarding the Director's Report.

Aldersperson Stroik moved, seconded by Mayor Halverson to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; nays none; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Halverson adjourned the December 10, 2007 Board of Public Works meeting at 8:48 PM.

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