

Meeting Minutes

Board of Public Works

Monday, February 13, 2006, 6:19 P.M. PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Moore, Sevenich, Wiza

EXCUSED: Alderperson Wiza

ALSO PRESENT: Director Euclide, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Director Halverson, Chief Morris, Chief Barnes, Clerk Moe, Captain Dowling, Attorney Molepske, Peggy Rentz, Dave Oberbeck, Donna Suchon, Reid Rocheleau, Melba Sullivan, Jeremy Slowinski, Dave Suchon, Jim Cooper, Dave Sowieja, Jeremy Beaudry, John Thompson, Mike Pinney, Mike Phillips, Gene Kemmeter, Heather Clark; Alderpersons Barber, Hanson, Molski, Robinson, Stroik, Trzebiatowski

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1. PARKING METER REPORT: (ATTACHMENT)

A) METER/PERMIT COLLECTION

B) PERMITS

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the January 2006 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT: (ATTACHMENT)

A) TERMINAL PLAN/FINANCING

B) ADDRESSING (NAMING AND NUMBERING)

Dave Oberbeck of Becher Hoppe introduced himself as the Project Manager and said they have been involved with this project of designing a facility to meet the needs of the airport. He said other than some interior remodeling, little has been done to the building since 1952. He referred to a large drawing and pointed out the existing building and the new portion; he listed many improvements that will accommodate the pilots and added there will be improvements to draw in the public, among them a restaurant area, observation deck and an improved lobby. He also said this design will allow the pilots the use of many facilities in the terminal 24-7 because the employee or private area can be locked down. He added they are blending with the 1950's architecture to make the building look as one.

He went on to cover the funding saying the State increased their portion from 50-50% to 80-20% which enabled the City to save. He said these improvements will be good for the City and he added other communities in Wisconsin have been able to get funding for terminal renovations.

The Mayor asked for a time line and Mr. Oberbeck said they were hoping to finish the final drawings and be ready for a June bid, with a tentative completion time of late fall or early winter.

Discussion followed and points were brought up such as will there be any major changes in the final design; adding glass entirely around the tower; who will pay for additional security if the restaurant is a huge success; dumpster locations; lighting; parking; and is the tower ADA accessible.

Mr. Oberbeck said they didn't foresee a lot of changes and glassing in the entire tower is something they can look at.

Director Euclide said we were next up for money to spend on security at the airport but the funding was dropped. He said we are considering a more secure fence. Mr. Oberbeck said there is State funding available for such items as a higher fence and security cameras. The Mayor said in our area the fence is more to provide safety by keeping people off the runways.

Director Euclide said they are still working on the location of the dumpsters and they will look at lighting and parking as required.

Mr. Oberbeck addressed the accessibility of the observation deck, saying we have a similar facility below in the outside patio and Director Euclide said the observation deck does not have to be ADA.

Director Euclide added that because we were able to change the State funding from 50-50% to 80-20% , the City has saved approximately \$100,000. The Mayor said the cost estimate for the project is 1.2 million dollars and the City's portion will be approximately \$200,000.

Director Euclide said as noted in his report, we have been working with the Fire Department to identify the airport buildings for emergency services by naming and numbering, with the numbering being consistent with the rest of the City. Alderperson Sevenich said she was pleased with the names of the streets.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to approve the Terminal Plan/Financing and Addressing as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTE: FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY CHIEF TRUCK (ATTACHMENT)

The Mayor referred to the Memo from Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw recommending the Ford Expedition from Scaffidi Motors in the amount of \$27,456 and it is covered in the budget.

Alderperson Sevenich moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the low quote from Scaffidi Motors in the amount of \$27,456.00 for the Fire Department Deputy Chief Truck.

Alderperson Trzebiatowski asked if they had considered fuel economy when selecting a vehicle and Supervisor Laidlaw said that operating costs are always considered and GM's are more expensive to operate.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER - BUSINESS 51, STH. 66, AND US 10 (ATTACHMENT)

Director Euclide again referred to his report, going over pertinent items. He said it appeared this would be the best deal we can get. A discussion took place on the design and other possible alternatives and Alderperson Moore expressed concern over how this would adversely affect the downtown, he felt there has to be a better option.

Mayor Wescott explained when the State proposes a Jurisdictional Transfer they will pay to maintain and reconstruct the streets, if the streets are maintained by the County, it does not benefit the City.

There was additional discussion on weight limits that are put into place in the spring and the weight of log trucks. Mayor Wescott and Director Euclide said they will get information on how the spring weight limits will affect us and Director Euclide said the current Highway 10 is designed to carry the weight of log trucks.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to approve the Jurisdictional Transfer - Business 51, STH. 66, and US 10.

Ayes -5; Nays -1 (Alderperson Moore); Motion carried.

5. RELOCATION ORDER - RAILROAD SAFETY PROJECT (PARK STREET) (ATTACHMENT)

Mayor Wescott said the Director's Report covers this, there will be no cost to the City taxpayers, it will be borne by the railroad and the state. The City will cause the work to be done and be reimbursed. He said this has been reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission.

Director Euclide said we have received a ruling to go ahead with the reconfiguration. He said this has been addressed many times through public hearings.

Alderperson Barber suggested another public hearing saying it should come before us and the public one more time. The Mayor said the orders are issued and he didn't think they will have any more meetings.

Reid Rocheleau expressed concern that the public wasn't involved enough in the planning stages. He also expressed other concerns including he didn't feel it was well thought out, he felt there were other plans that were better and this wasn't a done deal because there is an allotted time for the City to comment.

Mayor Wescott said he wanted to make it clear to everyone present that no one was left out of the planning stages, the meetings held by the railroad in 2003 and 2004 were made public and many from the public attended. He said the City worked closely with the railroad and the property owners affected to come up with a solution to provide the best access possible. Competent engineers looked at options. The railroad was convinced not to close some of the streets they originally wanted to. He said this plan improves safety dramatically, with 100% funding.

He said if we start this process over it will again take years and we can't be guaranteed of the funding.

Director Euclide said alternatives were studied and this was the one finally selected by the railroad and the City.

The Mayor said we also expect that we will at some point be re-evaluated for a quiet zone, although we will have to apply annually.

Dave Suchon of Dave's Body Shop, was quite adamant that this would ruin his business, making it impossible for customers to reach him. He left the meeting.

Donna Suchon said there would be no access to their property and felt their business would suffer.

Mayor Wescott said he disagreed and reminded her the original plan by the railroad was to close all those streets and the City went to bat to provide access to the businesses in the area. He added he was disappointed in the reaction from Dave's Body Shop.

Director Euclide said he had met with Mr. Suchon and went over this same plan and Mr. Suchon had seemed satisfied and agreed to the plan.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by Alderperson Sevenich to approve the Relocation Order - Railroad Safety Project (Park Street) as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

6. PATCH STREET BACKGROUND/INFORMATION (ATTACHMENT)

Director Euclide said this is the result of transferring enhancement funds to do the Patch Street project with the stipulation that bike lanes go on Patch Street. He said the monetary figures are included in his report and there are pictures in the packet. "A" shows the pedestrian/bicycle bridge under the black bridge. Pictures "B, C, and D" show concepts for the bicycle path under I-39.

Alderperson Barr said this is a tremendous plan and Alderperson Stroik asked if the bicycle bridge under the black bridge is suspended and if there will be problems such as we had with the sewer lines.

Director Euclide said it is not a suspended bridge, but is attached to the headwall of the railroad bridge and is safe. He said this is a way to get the Green Circle over to the west side.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve the project agreement as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ATTACHMENT) [Read the Complete Report]

A) AIRPORT

B) ENGINEERING

C) STREETS

Director Euclide said he would like to point out that the National Air Races and Cessna/Pipe Owners Conference will be held in Stevens Point on July 21 - 23. He said they expect many will probably stay on in Stevens Point for Oshkosh fly-in.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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