

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Monday, January 13, 2003 - 6:17 P.M.

City Water Department - 300 Bliss Avenue PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Sevenich, Sowieja, Walther

EXCUSED: Alderperson Nealis

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Assessor Kuehn, Mayoral Assistant Molepske, City Attorney Molepske, Director Schrader, Director Gardner, Director Disher, Clerk Zdroik, Chief Barnes, Captain Daubert, Fred Hopfensperger, Amy Heart, Kate Garsombke Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons Filipiak, Molski, Moore, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser

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 - B) #02-12-B - Create No Parking Zone for bus loading on the east side of Cross Street 123 feet north of Clark Street to 176 feet north of Clark Street.
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1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the December 2002 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2002) (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to accept the November and December 2002 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. TRAFFIC STUDIES: (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

A) #02-12-A - CREATE 35 MPH SPEED LIMITS ON DUBAY AVENUE BETWEEN NORTH RESERVE AND OLD WAUSAU ROAD THAT LAY WITHIN THE CITY OF STEVENS POINT

Mayor Wescott referred to the Traffic Study and map in the packet saying the street lies within two municipalities, the City and the Town of Hull.

Captain Daubert said the request is to provide uniformity in the speed limit.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Sowieja to approve Traffic Study Number 02-12-A as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

B) #02-12-B - CREATE NO PARKING ZONE FOR BUS LOADING ON THE EAST SIDE OF CROSS STREET 123 FEET NORTH OF CLARK STREET TO 176 FEET NORTH OF CLARK STREET.

Mayor Wescott referred to the Traffic Study and map in the packet and Captain Daubert said the study and recommendation is the result of a request by the Rice Clinic.

Alderperson Sowieja moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to approve Traffic Study Number 02-12-B as presented.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. UPDATE ON LINCOLN CENTER (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine reported that by the end of March all the major construction will be completed. They are planning a grand opening late in March, the staff wants to rearrange and organize their offices before the public is allowed in.

Alderperson Molski asked if the project is coming in within budget and Director Van Alstine said he will not have to come back and ask for more money but there won't be a lot left over.

5. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Superintendent Krieski reported the crews are continuing to haul McDill sand; the sweepers are still out which has to be a record for this time of the year due to the lack of snow; the patchers are out; the Christmas decorations are being removed; and the sand boxes are being checked daily.

Mayor Wescott asked about the Christmas tree pickup and Superintendent Krieski said the ad was run saying the trees should be out by the 19th although they will be picked up the whole month of January. He added the usual day for pickup is Monday. He said they put the deadline as the 19th because they don't want people waiting until the end of the month making the crews go over the same routes numerous times. He said it's easier to pick them now without snow and the landfill is taking them at no charge and we don't have to grind them.

Alderperson Sevenich asked if the tree near the mall can be left out a little longer because there are birds in it and children around it.

Discussion followed and the Mayor suggested it be the last decoration removed and Superintendent Krieski said that would be fine, but they wanted to remove it before all the needles fall off which would require more cleanup.

Alderperson Rackow said he noticed the sand pile on Patch Street has been going down and he asked how much has been hauled out.

Superintendent Krieski said the City has been removing from the back of the sand pile and private contractors from the front. He said as of last Friday 20,190 yards of the original 150,000 yards have been removed.

Aldersperson Sevenich moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the December 2002 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said he would like to remind the Board that this is the year Phases 3 and 4 of the Highway 10 Project will take place. He said as he talks to people in the community he gets the impression they aren't aware of the upcoming construction. He suggested that we try to spread the word.

He reported that Minnesota Avenue to Rogers Street will be closed to traffic, the intersection of Division Street will be closed for six-weeks (30 working days) and the intersection of Michigan Avenue will be closed for five-weeks, but both will not be closed at the same time.

He said the area from Minnesota Avenue to the Target store will be done under traffic and that will result in heavily congested traffic.

Aldersperson Phillips asked if there were any problems establishing detours and Director Van Alstine said it will be the same as it was for Phase 1. That detour for eastbound was Highway P to HH to I39 and to Highway 10 and for westbound it would be just the opposite.

Aldersperson Phillips also asked about the Southside Business District. He said about a year ago we discussed purchasing and tearing down buildings and he asked where we are in that process.

Director Van Alstine said as of Friday it was his understanding that the offer was out on six parcels and the appraisers are in various stages of completing the appraisals on the rest of the property.

Mayor Wescott said to keep in mind this is in the hands of the State.

Director Van Alstine said if we have to go the route of condemnation we might acquire the properties late March or early April. If there are willing sellers it could be sooner.

Aldersperson Rackow said the six properties referred to are out of how many and Director Van Alstine said about 18 or 20.

Aldersperson Walther said he just wanted to mention that there will be an open house for the 2nd Ward to discuss the Highway 10 project on February 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Park and Recreation Department. It will be a general meeting, more information regarding the meeting will be out in the next few weeks.

Aldersperson Walther moved, seconded by Aldersperson Sevenich to accept the December 2002 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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