

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 13, 2002, 6:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Nealis, Sevenich, Sowieja, Walther
Also Present: Director Van Alstine, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Laidlaw, Clerk Zdroik, Mayoral Assistant Molepske, Chief Barnes, Assessor Kuehn, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Director Disher, Transit Manager Lempke, Airport Manager Pinney, Captain Dowling, Peggy Rentz, Melba Sullilvan, Mark Erwin, Bobbi Erwin, Mason Erwin, Gene Kemmeter, Susan Kampmeier; Alderpersons Filipiak, Moore, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser

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1. ADD DRIVEWAY FOR ENTRANCE TO BACK OF PROPERTY-533 SECOND STREET NORTH (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said staff recommendation is to approve the request.

Aldersperson Nealis moved, seconded by Aldersperson Walther to approve the request for an additional driveway for an entrance to the back of the property at 533 Second Street North as indicated in the drawing submitted by the property owner, Mark Erwin.

Aldersperson Seiser objected to the approval saying they already have a big driveway.

Director Van Alstine said it is a large lot with a possible split and that's why he's recommending approval.

Aldersperson Seiser said there already are parking problems around SPASH and feels this could make it worse.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the April 2002 Parking Meter Report.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Aldersperson Sevenich to accept the April 2002 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (MARCH & APRIL 2002) (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Airport Manager Pinney presented his report.

Discussion followed on the deer problem at the airport. Manager Pinney said it is serious enough for him to request a special hunt, that there are groups of five to eight deer out there at any time of the day. He said runway 3-0 was the worst.

Director Van Alstine was asked if he knew how many hunters are out there during bow hunting season and the Director said it would be difficult to guess, but he thought that during the entire season there was probably about 200 to 300 hunting occasions.

Aldersperson Barr moved, seconded by Aldersperson Sowieja to accept the March and April 2002 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

4. UPDATE ON AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said Airport Manager Pinney had included a memo and he added that they were ready to pave the first test strip and finish Phase 1 Thursday or Friday if the weather permits. He said they will then be ready to move to Phase 2 in front of the terminal building.

Mayor Wescott said this is an informational item that requires no action by the Board.

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS: (ATTACHMENT)

A) #06-02 - 2002 BITUMINOUS SURFACING PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said he would recommend approval of the only bid which was received from American Asphalt in the amount of \$277,189.50 for the base bid and an additional \$53,690.00 for the modified Black Knight Armor Surface Coat in the Alternate Add. He said this coating is a step above seal coating.

Mayor Wescott asked if it was within budget and Director Van Alstine said \$300,000 was budgeted and the amount over that would come out of the seal coating budget.

Aldersperson Nealis moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve the base bid from American Asphalt in the amount of \$277,189.50 and the Alternate Add for the modified Black Knight Paving Armor Surface Coat in the amount of \$53,690.00 for the 2002 Bituminous Surfacing Project.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

B) #08-02 - 2002 CURB, GUTTER & SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Director Van Alstine said the low bid was from Ski, Inc. for \$88,372.50, they have worked for us in the past, it is within budget, and he recommended approval.

Aldersperson Sevenich moved, seconded by Aldersperson Walther to approve the low bid from Ski Inc. in the amount of \$88,372.50 for the 2002 Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Repair Project.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

6. REQUEST TO INSTALL A STRIP OF BLACKTOP ALONG EXISTING ALLEY - PROPERTY AT 1701-03 MICHIGAN AVENUE (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said staff recommendation was for approval but that the blacktop must be kept behind the front line of the house as we are trying to limit the amount of cars in front. He said the owners are to be responsible for the entire cost of installation and they are also responsible for removing the snow that the plows will push onto that blacktopped area.

Aldersperson Sowieja asked how long the strip would be and Director Van Alstine said about 70 feet, it will be eight feet wide parallel to the alley.

Aldersperson Seiser objected to the request saying it will be ugly for others to look at and dangerous near that narrow alley, it encourages people to park all over the place and she asked what the rules were on parking.

Director Gardner said this is different because it is not private property, it is actually in the right of way and that's why it is before the Board of Public Works. He said every situation is different, there are rules regarding set backs, parking, etc. on private property, but it depends on the situation.

Aldersperson Rackow said he shared some of Aldersperson Seiser's concerns but people park there anyway. He said he thought that it would actually improve safety in that alley, he said he has his reservations but it's probably worthwhile, and the City is getting part of it's right of way paved at the property owners expense.

Aldersperson Sevenich asked if it wouldn't be better to place the blacktop perpendicular to the driveway and Director Van Alstine said it would. Aldersperson Rackow pointed out it would then require more than eight feet.

Aldersperson Barr moved, seconded by Aldersperson Sowieja to approve the request to install an eight foot strip of blacktop along the existing alley at 1701-03 Michigan Avenue but that the blacktop must be kept behind the front line of the house, the owners are to be responsible for the entire cost of installation and they are also responsible for removing the snow that the plows will push onto that blacktopped area.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

7. CONSIDERATION OF BUS PURCHASE

Transit Manager Lemke said the original grant application includes an optional sixth Gillig bus and staff recommendation is for the acquisition of this bus. She said it would extend the life of the bus fleet and it will serve as an additional Point Plus vehicle for large groups of persons with special needs.

There was a discussion that included points such as that our present contract allows only a certain percentage of cost increase and if we wait that could be a larger increase; that these vehicles last from 10 to 12 years; and according to Fleet Supervisor Laidlaw the bus fleet is in need of these upgrades. Mayor Wescott pointed out the money is already budgeted but it is brought back to the Board to make sure they still want to do this.

Aldersperson Sevenich moved, seconded by Aldersperson Walther to approve the bus purchase as outlined.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SERVICES' REPORT (ATTACHMENT - AGENDA PACKET)

Fleet Supervisor Laidlaw presented the report for Superintendent Krieski and said he would answer any questions.

Aldersperson Sowieja moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the April 2002 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

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

Director Van Alstine reported work on the Lincoln Center project is going well. The basement is about 75% excavated and they will be pouring the north wall by the end of this week or the beginning of the next week.

Mayor Wescott asked if the soil remediation worked and Director Van Alstine said it did although there are some changes in the soil.

Aldersperson Rackow referred to Project #19-01, the airport fuel tank replacement and asked if it was finished.

Director Van Alstine said it wasn't, we are looking for someone to design the filtering system. He said there are only two or three airports in the State with these types of tanks. He said it is difficult to find an engineering firm qualified to do this but we think we have found one. He said 90% of the airports fill with a truck but because of our well head protection ordinance, we are prohibited from doing this.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the April 2002 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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