

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001 - 6:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Barr, Kedrowski, Molski, Nealis, Walther

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent of Services Krieski, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Schiefelbein, Clerk Zdroik, Assessor Kuehn, Chief Barnes, Airport Manager Grantham, Director Schrader, Director Gardner, Attorney Molepske, Mayoral Assistant Marciniak, Captain Dowling, Administrator Disher, Peggy Rentz, Fred Hopfensperger, Reid Rocheleau, Chris Klein, Mike Jacquart, Scott Krueger, Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons Moore, Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser, Sevenich

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT- AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept the December 2000 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2000)

Airport Manager Grantham said he had been ill and off work and did not have a chance to prepare the report but he said he would be presenting it at the February meeting.

3. AIRPORT PETITION FOR SEAL COAT AND VASI REPLACEMENT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said this was an informational item, that it would be brought back next month to Plan Commission, Board of Public Works, and then a Public Hearing before the Council. He explained the new federal budget includes a \$150,000 entitlement grant at an 80%(Federal and State) -20%(City) that would replace the old VASI (Visual Approach Slope Indicator) lights with new PAPIs (Precision Approach Path Indicators). He said it had been difficult to get parts for the VASI. He told the Board the rotating beacon would be repaired and added that this is a World War II beacon that is still claimed to be the best technology for that item and that it had been rebuilt five times. He said repairs would be made to the apron, tarmac, taxiways, and runways as needed and he said the work would be done next summer.

4. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTES: PICK-UP TRUCKS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this item appeared to be self-explanatory and referred to the related information in the packet and recommended the low quote received from Neuville Motors of Waupaca.

Discussion took place regarding the radio and additional items, the age of the old trucks, where warranty work would be done and if extended warranties had been purchased. Alderperson Phillips felt that extended warranties should be looked into at least for the four-wheel drive vehicles.

Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Schiefelbein said the added amount is for the radios and other equipment that is needed. He said it was all within budget for each department. He said the trucks we now have range from 1986 to 1994 and that we had kept five trucks for use by the extra summer help. As for the warranty work he said we would get it done at the nearest pertinent dealer and that we did not purchase any extended warranties but he would get some numbers for that prior to the Council meeting on Monday night.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to recommend accepting the low quote from Neuville Motors which includes radios and other needed items for \$649,704.00.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

5. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GOVERNING BODY OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITY (ATTACHMENT)

Mayor Wescott outlined the discussion from last month regarding this item. He said the State law has been clarified requiring the City to amend the present ordinance. He said the consensus of the Board had been that we would like to keep the control we now have over the utility. This amended ordinance would give the control to the Common Council and keep the utility commission from becoming autonomous, as it would have under the new State law if we did nothing. He said the day to day operation as it was now would not likely be changed.

Attorney Molepske referred to the amended ordinance that had been handed out. He said this ordinance outlines the responsibilities of the Common Council over the operation of the Water and Sewage Utility. It re-titles the Administrator to a Director who will be appointed by the Mayor **with the Council's approval, with this appointment taking place every two years. Also covered is the method of commissioner appointment by the Mayor with Council approval** and that the commission will choose from their members a president and secretary. It also covers the wages of the commissioners and secretary.

He said basically the duties of the Director will remain the same as they were under the Administrator title as outlined in the ordinance. The major difference is that the Water and Sewage Commission will become an advisory board to the Common Council which will be the supervising entity. He compared the proposed situation to be like the application of the Housing Authority and the Common Council.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to recommend to the Common Council passage of the Ordinance establishing the governing body of the Sewage and Water Utility.

A discussion followed pointing out again that the day to day operations will not change, basically what changes is that the advisory commission will report to the Common Council. Mayor Wescott said that he believes items can now be pulled and acted on at Council but he said they could have done that in the past, he said the Administrator had not acted on any issues in the utilities minutes, such as purchases, etc. until after the Common Council meeting.

Attorney Molepske said this formalizes what we have always done except that the Commission was in charge and now the Common Council will be.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Krieski presented his report and compared this winter to last year saying during the six-month period from November 1999 to April 2000 we had 63.48 inches of snow and had plowed the salt routes and streets twelve times and this season in only six-weeks from November 2000 until January 1, 2001 we have had 37.21 inches of snow and plowed the entire city and salt routes combined sixteen times.

He said we have gotten low on sand and salt and have had to haul some in and he also said we have had to rent two trucks and drivers to haul snow. He said when it snows the main arteries are first priority and they get to the rest as they can. He also said when the weather is as cold as it **had been the salt doesn't work and a salt-sand mixture is applied.**

He went on to explain that to answer those who feel their streets are not plowed, the reason it appears that way is because by the time they get to the side streets the snow is already solidly packed from traffic, and now that it is warming up the salt/sand mixture is working and creating slush on top of the packed snow. He told the Board they are staying with a pattern on snow removal to keep ahead, it would be too inefficient to jump all over the City. He said they have been taking care of those who call in but they will get to all areas as soon as they can.

Questions to the Superintendent included the Christmas tree pickup status, how much snow goes into the river, and reporting residents who blow their snow onto the street.

Superintendent Krieski said there is a drop off for Christmas trees and we are grateful to anyone who uses it, he said when he has a spare person he tries to send them to pick up the trees before the crew goes out to pick snow. As for dumping snow in the river it has been done very little this year because the water is down and the ramp gets plugged easily, they are using three other sites to place the snow. He said for those who blow **snow onto the street, the Police Department is notified and he really didn't know if they just talk to them or issue a citation, but it is working.**

Alderman Barr said he would like to emphasize the need to keep the public informed regarding what the priority is for snow removal and salt routes and felt these should be published often.

Alderman Molski moved, seconded by Alderman Walther to accept the December 2000 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

7. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine presented his report and said we are finalizing last year's projects and getting ready for this year, particularly phase 2 of the Highway 10 Project.

Mayor Wescott asked how long Michigan Avenue will be closed by Ameritech?

Director Van Alstine said he thought for a couple of more weeks. He said the ducts had to be moved prior to construction and they are putting in new conduit and splicing the cable.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the December 2000 Directors Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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