

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001 - 6:30 P.M. PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice, Alderpersons Barr, Kedrowski, Nealis, Molski

EXCUSED: Alderperson Walther

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Design Engineer Yauch, Clerk Zdroik, Mayoral Assistant Marciniak, Assessor Kuehn, Airport Manager Grantham, Attorney Molepske, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Director Disher, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Schiefelbein, Chief Carpenter, Reid Rocheleau, Matt Filipiak, Fred Hopfensperger, Dan Racine, Ray Schmidt, Travis Vancamp, George Meeks, Peggy Rentz, Gene Kemmeter, Mike Jacquard, Larry Lee; Alderpersons Moore, Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Sevenich, Seiser

Mayor Wescott announced that Item # 5, Consideration of leasing land at airport, would be removed from the agenda. He said the Noel Group is still working with their engineers to determine the site of the proposed hangar and this item will come back to the Board when this determination is made.

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to approve the January 2001 Parking Meter Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2000) (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Airport Manager Grantham presented the report.

Alderperson Phillips pointed out that the list of arrivals had gaps in it of 11 and 17 days.

Manager Grantham said that s possible because sometimes there is only one person working who may be busy elsewhere and isn t there to a the arrivals to sign in. He added there were days this winter when there were no arrivals.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Molski to approve the November and December 2000 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF UTILITY EASEMENT - AIRPORT PROPERTY (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this had been approved at Plan Commission a week ago. Director Van Alstine said it is to supply natural gas to the new hangars.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Kedrowski to approve the utility easement on airport property as shown on the map that was included in the packet.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

4. AIRPORT PETITION FOR SEAL COAT, BEACON UPGRADE, AND VASI REPLACEMENT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this had been before the Board in January and asked if there were any questions.

Alderperson Seiser asked what VASI is and Director Van Alstine said it is a visual approach slope indicator. If it is green it means the pilot is coming in at a correct angle, if it is red the angle is not correct.

Alderperson Seiser also added she had received a phone call from a person who uses the airport and is pleased to know these improvements are pending.

Alderperson Molski moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to approve the airport petition for seal coat, beacon upgrade and VASI replacement.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

5. CONSIDERATION OF LEASING LAND AT AIRPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS: #04-01 - 2001 TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING PROGRAM (ATTACHMENT)

The Mayor said the low bid was from Triple K Tree Service out of Amherst in the amount of \$26,740.

Director Van Alstine said he had talked with the City Forester and he had recommended approval.

Director Schrader said the budgeted amount was \$24,000.00 but he added last year we had only spent \$17,000.00, this is the type of contract where the work is estimated and we only spend what we need to.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to accept the low bid of \$26,740.00 from Triple K Tree Service out of Amherst for the 2001 Tree Removal and Trimming Program.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

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

Mayor Wescott said the low quote remains from Neuville Motors and Director Van Alstine said he recommended approval.

It was discussed last month that the radios were shown as added to the quotes but Director Van Alstine said that seemed to create some confusion. He said the City will buy the radios from Motorola and have them installed.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to approve the low quote for City Department pick-up trucks from Neuville Motors in the amount of \$627,929.00.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

8. TRAFFIC STUDIES: (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

A. #01-02-A: NO PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF STRONGS AVENUE AT A POINT 40 FEET SOUTH OF CLARK STREET.

Mayor Wescott said the attachment explains what is being done and Director Van Alstine said before construction this area had been yellow but there had been no ordinance to back that up and he said this will make it official.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Molski to approve Traffic Study #01-02-A.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

B. #01-02-B: ALLOW PERMIT PARKING IN CITY LOT: #2-1200 WATER STREET/CROSBY AVENUE

Director Van Alstine said this is another bookkeeping upgrade. He said when the Greyhound station moved to its present location overnight parking was pushed into that lot, this will make it official.

Chief Carpenter said presently the parking permit amount varies and even though this \$15.00 does not cover the costs, it will make the fees consistent, and it will designate one area for parking making it more efficient for parking enforcement and maintenance.

Reid Rocheleau said if the fee doesn't cover the costs, the study should be looked at and changed.

Mayor Wescott said such a study is being conducted but we are starting at this point.

Alderperson Sevenich said she was pleased with this change, it will help her constituents.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve Traffic Study #01-02-B.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

C. #01-02-C: ELIMINATE THE SALE OF ON STREET PERMIT PARKING IN THE VICINITY OF MAIN AND CHURCH STREETS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THREE PERMIT STALLS.

Director Van Alstine said these spaces aren't being sold and this way they can be utilized.

Alderperson Molski moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to approve Traffic Study #01-02-C.

Reid Rocheleau said the downtown employees park in the Shopko lot and leave their designated areas empty.

Director Van Alstine said the object is to move the long term parking onto the street and keep the mall lot for shoppers.

Alderperson Rackow said he felt this was a step in the right direction.

The Mayor called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

D. #01-02-D: REPEAL TWO-HOUR PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF STRONGS AVENUE FROM ELLIS STREET TO A POINT 155 FEET SOUTH.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked who we were trying to accommodate?

Director Van Alstine said the intent is to keep the spaces closer to the courthouse open for their customers and to make better use of the other spaces. He said when court is in session it is almost impossible to find a parking space.

Reid Rocheleau expressed opposition to subsidizing Sentry Insurance by providing free parking for their employees.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if the County was contacted about this change.

Chief Carpenter said he didn't think so but his staff had observed the parking patterns for a couple of months and this change was a result. He added that activities at the courthouse determine how full these spots are and he said we can see how it works and if there is a problem bring it back.

Alderperson Rackow pointed out the parking actually ends 15 feet back from the corner.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Molski to approve Traffic Study #01-02-D.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

9. TERMINATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT BETWEEN FREDERICK STREET AND GEORGIA STREET (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this item had been approved by Plan Commission last week.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderperson Kedrowski to approve the termination of the drainage easement between Frederick Street and Georgia Street.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

10. AMENDMENT TO DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT: BUSINESS 51 DIXON STREET-MONROE STREET (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said he determined this to be an informational item that requires no action because we are partnered 80%-20% with the State and they have approved it. He and Director Van Alstine agreed that the State became the lead person when we contracted with them and since the State accepted the Change Order we basically do so by default.

Director Van Alstine said this Change Order does not reflect any changes in the design or the project. The project is still under way and will be brought back sometime this spring. He said the process is taking more time than expected and this reflects the reason for the amendment.

Alderperson Seiser pointed out the cost nearly doubled and that is a big change.

Dan Racine expressed concern about opportunities for public input.

The Mayor said when this is complete it will go to Plan Commission and to Public Works.

Director Van Alstine said comments from the January 16, 2001 open house will be attached to these minutes.

11. DESIGNATION OF OVERFLOW SALES AREA FOR FARMERS MARKET. (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said because the Farmer s Market is so busy on Saturdays they have more farmers than market. He said presently they fi spots all over the square and as a result the participants and shoppers are requesting designating an area for the overflow.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked if there is a cost for the farmers to sell their products on the square?

Director Van Alstine said no, originally the square was given to the City for the purpose of providing a Farmers Market and technically we are in violation by using it for public parking. (City Attorney Molepske has noted that there was a Wisconsin Supreme Court case that determined that the square is under City control to do with as it sees fit)

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to approve the designation of an overflow sales area for the Farmers Market as shown on the drawing.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Krieski said they are picking up snow nightly as they have been doing since the first major snowfall, the sanders are running and the sand boxes are filled daily. The extreme cold after the sleet and snow created problems for clearing the streets. He said he wanted to compliment the crews and workers for doing such a good job saying they have worked hard. He said we have already been out twice as many times as last year. He reminded the Board the plows go out after a two-inch snowfall, anything under two-inches the main arteries are cleared. He said the graders are cutting but we have two graders and 150 lane miles.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked how the salt is holding out?

Superintendent Krieski said some came in today and more was expected tomorrow. Green Bay is out of salt so it is coming from LaCrosse.

Alderperson Kedrowski questioned hauling snow for Ameritech and Superintendent Krieski replied that in order for Ameritech to work on the Clark Street project they need the snow moved. He said Ameritech moves the snow from the boulevard and puts it on the street. The City is not doing that because the type of construction they are doing creates conditions that might damage our equipment. Director Van Alstine added we are charging them for the cost of snow removal.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by C/T Schlice to accept the January 2001 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

13. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine presented his report saying it had been a busy month.

Alderperson Molski moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to accept the January 2001 Director s Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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