

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Monday, APRIL 9, 2001 - 6:25 P.M. PRESENT: Mayor Wescott,, C/T Schlice, Alderpersons Barr, Kedrowski, Nealis, Molski, Walther

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Superintendent Krieski, Clerk Zdroik, Mayoral Assistant Marciniak, Assessor Kuehn, Attorney Molepske, Captain Daubert, Director Gardner, Director Schrader, Director Disher, Peggy Rentz, Bill Weronke, Janet Zander, Jacqueline Elliott, Marcie Wilkes, Bob Ritter, Shirley Suplicki, Betty Moss, Carol Moore, Jeanette Perkins, Sally Overholt, Dave Sowieja, Matt Filipiak, Reid Rocheleau, Gene Kemmeter, Susan Kampmeier; Alderpersons Moore, Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Sevenich, Seiser

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott presented the March 2001 Parking Meter Report.

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

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS (ATTACHMENT)

A) #06-01 - 2001 CONCRETE STREET REPAIR PROJECT

Director Van Alstine recommended approval of the low bid from Trierweiler Construction of Marshfield in the amount of \$36,637.40. He said they have worked for us in the past and it is within budget.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Molski to approve the low bid from Trierweiler Construction of Marshfield in the amount of \$36,637.40 for the 2001 Concrete Street Repair Project.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

B) #07-01 - 2001 BITUMINOUS SURFACING PROJECT

Director Van Alstine recommended approval of the low bid from American Asphalt of Wisconsin from Mosinee in the amount of \$186,983.00. He said they have worked for us in the past and it is within budget.

Alderperson Walther moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to approve the low bid from American Asphalt of Wisconsin from Mosinee in the amount of \$186,983.00 for the 2001 Bituminous Surfacing Project.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTES: LUMINAIRES AND POLES FOR HIGHWAY 10-PHASE 2 (ATTACHMENT)

Director Van Alstine recommended the second low quote from Crescent Electric of Wisconsin Rapids in the amount of \$70,484.12. He said since there is only about a \$40 difference he would like to keep the type of poles (Lexington) consistent with the type that was used on last years project. He said this would be for inventory purposes.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to approve the second low quote from Crescent Electric Supply of Wisconsin Rapids in the amount of \$70,484.12 for Highway 10-Phase 2 luminaires and poles.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

4. TRAFFIC STUDIES (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

A) #01-02-A - ELIMINATE THE THIRTY-MINUTE PARKING ZONE LOCATED ON ISADORE STREET

Alderperson Molski moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to accept Traffic Study #01-02-A as presented to eliminate the thirty-minute parking zone located on Isadore Street.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

B) #01-02-B - CREATE "NO PARKING" HERE TO CORNER ON WEST SIDE OF STRONGS AVENUE SOUTH OF MAIN STREET.

Alderperson Nealis moved, seconded by Alderperson Barr to accept Traffic Study #01-02-B as presented to create "No-parking" here to corner zone on west side of Strongs Avenue south of Main Street.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

5. MAYORAL ORDER: TEMPORARY ORDER - STOP SIGN FOR SOUTHBOUND ON CHASE STREET AT ELLIS STREET (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Mayor Wescott said this was to affirm his official action to comply with the construction.

Alderperson Walther asked if the Mayor would consider a temporary stop sign on Ellis Street also. He said he has received phone calls and because it is a residential area he is concerned about the safety of children.

Alderperson Rackow said he agreed with Alderperson Walther saying this is a problem.

The Mayor said the Director of Public Works and the Police Department will look at it.

Alderperson Molski moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to accept the Mayoral Order to place a temporary stop sign for southbound on Chase Street at Ellis Street.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

6. PROJECT AGREEMENT HIGHWAY 10 - MINNESOTA AVENUE - INTERSTATE 39 (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine referred to the Project Agreement that shows the local share at \$21,450 or 25%. He said the design is in progress and he said this agreement had been revised to show the engineering costs at a smaller number.

C/T Schlice asked what cost there would be for the rest of the project?

Director Van Alstine said no cost unless we put in new sewer and water. He said they don't know yet if this will be a total reconstruction of the street or just intersection improvements and minor repairs.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to accept the Project Agreement Highway 10 - Minnesota Avenue-Interstate 39 with the condition that the contract be revised to indicate that the DOT is responsible for the road construction portion of the project.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION OF JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER - GREEN AVENUE

Mayor Wescott said this item is for discussion and he asked Portage County Highway Commissioner Weronke to explain and answer any questions.

Commissioner Bill Weronke said Green Avenue is under three entities, the City has about .36 of a mile, Park Ridge has two-blocks and the County portion, he added the County maintains the two-blocks in Park Ridge. He said they have researched this over the past year and the City gets transportation aid for the .36 mile and the County gets the rest. He pointed out the road is badly in need of repair including a new base, correcting the drainage problem, new asphalt, and putting on shoulders to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles. He said the Highway Committee would like to do the work and the City would be responsible for the cost of their .36 mile, and he said after the road is completed it would revert completely to the City and they would get the entire State transportation aid.

Alderperson Molski said this road is in disrepair with flooding problems and she would like to see improvements.

Mayor Wescott asked if the work would be done this year and Commissioner Weronke said he could almost guarantee that it would, but the City and County would have to come to an agreement probably by June to get the work done early enough to do a good job.

Alderperson Kedrowski asked who would take the Park Ridge portion and Commissioner Weronke said they want to keep their own.

Alderperson Nealis asked what type of bicycle path was being considered and Commissioner Weronke said there is probably three to four feet on the shoulder for pedestrians and he asked what surface the City would prefer.

The Mayor said he understood the City would prefer blacktop.

Director Van Alstine said this is a problematic area, whoever gets there first plows but when there are problems the residents call the City.

Commissioner Weronke said he or the Highway Committee would need a letter from the Mayor outlining what the City's objectives are concerning this project.

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

Superintendent Krieski said the crews have been sweeping the streets but it needs to be above freezing. He said they have started repairing the plow damage in areas where there is no curb and gutter, they are still cutting trees at the airport, and they will start street painting when the temperature reaches 50 degrees.

Alderperson Seiser asked what happens to the sweepings?

Superintendent Krieski said after they are collected in the hopper they are stored on Mason Street until we can haul them to Somers to bury trash with.

Alderperson Seiser asked if this is how it is done all over the country and also could it be recycled?

Director Van Alstine said he didn't know how they do it all over the country, but in Wisconsin the sweepings are considered solid waste and can be used for projects. He said to wash the sand would leave water with salt which would be more of a problem to get rid of. He added that Wisconsin Rapids had tried to reuse the sweepings but it didn't work well at all, functionally or aesthetically. He said the DNR is considering to apply enforcement.

Mayor Wescott moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to accept the March 2001 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 the Urban Systems Group met last week and the four top projects for funding, if funding is available, are: 1) Southside Business District for acquisitions; 2) North of Hoover Road; 3) Michigan/Nebel/Church; 4) Hoover Road. He went on to report they are still in the red and these projects would be considered if money were available. He said about the only way they would get money is if some other County didn't use all of theirs.

Mayor Wescott asked the Director for an update on Highway 10 construction.

Director Van Alstine said the detouring of traffic has been problematic depending on where the greatest traffic is. He said everyone hasn't yet found which way works the best for them. He said they are working on truck traffic, he didn't know if the signs are inadequate or if they are being ignored by the truck drivers. He said the truck traffic detour signs have probably been moved ten times and they will continue to work on it until they find a route that is acceptable.

Captain Daubert said they have increased patrols in the complaint areas and they will be dealing with the trucks to find out what the problem is and resolve it.

Alderman Walther said the biggest problem areas are Ellis and Prais Streets and that every time the Police Department has been notified they have been helpful and he wished to thank them.

Director Van Alstine said this project should be completed by June 22.

Reid Rocheleau referred to the Urban Systems projects and said if the City doesn't make a decision on the Southside by the end of August, the money will go to Plover.

Director Van Alstine said that is correct.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderman Walther to accept the March 2001 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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