

Meeting Minutes

CITY OF STEVENS POINT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 - 6:45 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Director Van Alstine, Clerk Zdroik, Design Engineer Yauch, Superintendent Krieski, Director Schrader, Director Gardner, Assessor Kuehn, Attorney Molepske, Mayoral Assistant Marciniak, Captain Daubert, Administrator Disher, Peggy Rentz, Rich Smaglik, David Hanson, Scott Krueger, Mike Jacquart, Gene Kemmeter; Alderpersons Moore, Pazdernik, Phillips, Rackow, Seiser, Sevenich

1. PARKING METER REPORT (ATTACHMENT- AGENDA PACKET)

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

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

2. AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT (JULY AND AUGUST, 2000) (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Walther to accept the July and August 2000 Airport Activity Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

3. STEVENS POINT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MASTER LEASE BETWEEN FAA AND CITY OF STEVENS POINT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

The Mayor said this lease is between the FAA and City of Stevens Point, the City Attorney has reviewed and recommended approval with an addition to the indemnification language.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Kedrowski to approve the master lease between the FAA and the City of Stevens Point with the addition to the indemnification language as presented.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

4. MAYORAL ORDERS

A: MAYORAL ORDER DATED AUGUST 11, 2000: TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON LAMPMAN DRIVE AT HERITAGE DRIVE AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON LAMPMAN DRIVE AT HEFFRON STREET.

B: MAYORAL ORDER DATED AUGUST 16, 2000: TEMPORARY LOADING ZONE FOR FIRST FOUR PARKING STALLS ON THE WEST SIDE OF SECOND STREET, NORTH OF JOE MAMA S, 1324 SECOND STREET.

C: MAYORAL ORDER DATED AUGUST 31, 2000: TEMPORARY ORDER REGARDING PARKING ON PRENTICE STREET 100-200-300 BLOCKS. (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

The Mayor presented the orders saying Item B should read for the first two parking stalls instead of four parking stalls as shown in the Mayoral Order issued on August 16, 2000.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Molski to approve Mayoral Orders A, B, and C with the above noted correction to Item B.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

5. TRAFFIC STUDY #00-08-A: NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER ZONE ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF PINECREST AVENUE FROM JEFFERSON STREET TO A POINT 95 FEET NORTH. (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to approve Traffic Study #00-08A as presented.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

6. REQUEST FOR TWO DRIVEWAYS ON ONE LOT AT 3810 HEFFRON LOOP (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said he would recommend approval of the request if Mr. Hanson would agree to remove the trees to the east of the proposed driveway as recommended by the Police Department.

Mr. Hanson said he would comply, that he had intended to remove those trees anyway.

Alderperson Barr moved, seconded by Alderperson Nealis to approve the request for two driveways on one lot at 3810 Heffron Loop following the recommendation by the Police Department to remove the trees to the east of the proposed driveway.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

7. REQUEST TO BUILD OVER STORM SEWER IN EASEMENT - KENT WORZALLA (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

The Mayor said this item had been pulled from the agenda.

8. PROJECT AGREEMENT - HIGHWAY 10 - PHASE II (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine said this item is similar to Phase I and he recommended approval.

The Mayor said authorizing this agreement allows the work to begin in the spring on Clark Street where they ended this year. The construction next year will be from Division Street to Minnesota Avenue.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to approve the Highway 10 Project Agreement - Phase II.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

9. APPROVAL OF FORESTRY ORDINANCE (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Attorney Molepske said this ordinance was amended to provide definitions on protecting trees in the City. He said the present ordinance placed the City Forester in charge. This proposed ordinance would clarify to all utilities and entities (excluding any statutes that would supersede our ordinance) what the City requires of them when working around trees.

He went on to say that if there is a difference of opinion between department heads it would be resolved by the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, while citizens would go to the Parks Commission and Common Council to resolve any issues.

Director Schrader said this was introduced last month to give the Board a month to review it. He said the reason for the amendment was because **of the construction that is now in progress, that while we have worked well with the contractor this year and have saved trees, we don't want to** take a chance that we might have a contractor in the future who would not be cooperative, and this amended ordinance would define what they can and cannot do.

Director Schrader went on to say this type of ordinance is not unusual, Wausau, Milwaukee, and GlenAllyn Illinois have them and are pleased with the results they produce.

Discussion took place on additional costs and offsetting laterals and how these issues will be resolved.

Director Schrader said the people in Milwaukee said there is an additional cost for more black dirt in the boulevards but replacing the trees costs more and we have to remember the value of the older trees. He said they intend to look at each situation where laterals are concerned and if they can save the tree they will, but if it has to go it will be removed.

The Mayor asked if anyone could tell him why the current ordinance did not cover the preservation of trees.

Director Schrader said he thought people are now more aware of the environment and the value of mature trees.

Attorney Molepske summed it up saying this ordinance is more specific, the utilities will have specifications and will not have to look for answers. **He said every effort will be made to save a tree, but if it can't be done the tree will go.**

Director Van Alstine said he had some reservations because it is a drastic change but he said we can work with it.

Aldersperson Kedrowski said he didn't have time to look this over and wanted it delayed another month because he used to be in this type of business and felt he would have some valuable input.

The Mayor said he understood there is a timetable and Director Van Alstine said specifications are due in Madison by the end of September so they can prepare their bid documents.

A discussion took place on cost to the residents through engineering costs and utility costs, and also the placement of half moon sidewalk indentations around trees.

Director Schrader said if the cost to go on private property was more than minimal, they would remove the tree. Costs to the utility companies would be absorbed by them, using no direct tax money. He said when he looked for trees causing indentations in the sidewalk he found very few, there are more indentations around power poles, light poles, etc.

Aldersperson Kedrowski said he is not comfortable with approving this ordinance, he feels it will create extra costs.

Mayor Wescott said he felt the residents would want to preserve the trees even if it cost the utilities more, that the constituents appreciated that we were able to save so many trees through the present construction. He said the proposed ordinance is more detailed than the present one and we need to move forward.

Aldersperson Barr said it appeared the Mayor, Attorney Molepske, Director Van Alstine, and Director Schrader were in favor of this ordinance and he moved, seconded by Aldersperson Walther to approve the Forestry Ordinance.

Aldersperson Kedrowski said there is a cost to the power companies and we need more time to study this.

Mayor Wescott said he disagreed, WPS had made a decision without our input to do things the way they did this construction season even though it may have cost them more. He called for a voice vote on the motion.

Ayes - 6; Nays - 1 (Aldersperson Kedrowski); Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Krieski reported they milled Friday on North Point Drive and will be cleaning up. He said they intend to divide the project into three portions because of the size. He said they are working on Boyington at this time, they are painting daily, sweeping nightly, and repairing potholes as they are reported to them.

C/T Schlice moved, seconded by Aldersperson Barr to accept the August 2000 Superintendent of Services Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

11. DIRECTOR S REPORT (ATTACHMENT-AGENDA PACKET)

Director Van Alstine reported on the west side project saying that from Highway "P" to West Pearl Street the landscaping is done and it is in the final phase of cleanup; from West Pearl to West River Drive they have finished the retaining walls and will be doing the landscaping; in the remaining area to the bridge they are working on the concrete lanes; the bridge concrete has been poured and they are texturing the surface; the graveling is done and paving will begin from the bridge to Water Street; Water Street to Church Street is 90% pavement, they will be doing the curb and sidewalks and as each area is completed it will be open to traffic.

The Mayor said he noticed there seem to be people walking and bicycling on the bridge and said he didn't think that was safe.

Director Van Alstine said although it is posted with "bridge out", "keep out", and "no trespassing", people are on there anyway. He said it isn't safe, there are no railings.

Captain Daubert said they will watch it more closely and the Mayor also asked that additional postings be added.

Alderman Kedrowski asked why the street was so narrow on Wilshire between the Pineries Bank and Napa?

Director Van Alstine said that he would have preferred that the street be wider but that was all the right of way we could buy without purchasing a building.

Alderman Kedrowski said he was disappointed in the design. A discussion followed and Attorney Molepske said there would have been severance damages and that Worzalla Publishing was keeping that area for future development.

Alderman Nealis moved, seconded by Mayor Wescott to approve the August 2000 Director's Report and place it on file.

Ayes - all; Nays - none; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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