

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
July 17, 2019
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Esther Dalbec, Keith Kern, Jenny Van Sickle, Brent Fennessey (alt)

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Angie Harker, Thor Trone, Frog Prell, Warren Bender, Ruth Ludwig, Shelley Nelson, Laurie Dolsen, Brian Conley, James Schultz, Astrit Fetahi, Andrew Lund, Carolyn Brand, Joyce Klick, Steve Roberts, Mark Unger

1. Approval of June 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of June 19, 2019.

MOTION by Van Sickle, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to convene into closed session.

2. ESD Director Roberts and City Attorney Frog Prell: Update on SWL&P Contamination Mitigation from the former Manufactured Gas Plant near the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

MOTION by Van Sickle, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to reconvene in open session.

3. ESD Director Steve Roberts: 2020 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Presentation – Combined Sewer Treatment Facility 5 (South Superior) Improvements Project (LHB)
Mike French of LHB gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CSTP 5 rehabilitation scheduled for 2020 and mentioned that CSTP 6 is scheduled for rehabilitation in 2021. The necessity of the project was outlined, a detailed description was given and estimated costs and funding sources were reviewed. ESD Director Steve Roberts explained how the project would move forward from this point. There was a question and answer period.

Kern requested to suspend the rules and move item #8 up on the agenda.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to suspend the rules and move item #8 up on the agenda.

8. Councilor Olson: Consideration of calendar parking exemption on Sundays on John Avenue between North 58th and 59th Streets.

Public Works Director Janigo explained that Councilor Olson made this request on behalf of Bethel Lutheran Church. Representatives from the church were present and spoke about the difficulties their members, many of whom are elderly, have with parking so far from the church due to calendar parking being in effect. They indicated they have services on Sundays and Wednesdays and at others times/days due to events such as funerals, weddings, etc. Various options were discussed and it was felt that an exemption from calendar parking was warranted on days that the church has scheduled services. It was mentioned that this should not be precedent setting however. Traffic Lieutenant Trone indicated that these exemptions are not favored by the

police department as it is easier to enforce calendar parking when there is more consistency. The committee asked Trone to bring an update back in six months.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve exempting John Avenue between North 58th & 59th Streets from calendar parking on Sundays from 8 a.m. – noon and on Wednesdays from 4 – 8 p.m.

4. ESD Director's Report

Committee members received ESD Director Roberts report with the agenda packet.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to receive and file the ESD Director's Report.

5. Tabled from the June 19, 2019 meeting: Public Works Director Janigo & Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Cadotte: Tree abatement assistance program draft. There was no update.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to table the tree abatement assistance program draft.

6. Public Works Director Janigo: Approval of Agreement with Drift Dodgers Snowmobile Club regarding trail improvements on the segment of the Crosstown Trail at the US 2/53 Bridge at the Nemadji River.

Members received the agreement with their agenda packet. There were no questions.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to approve the Agreement with Drift Dodgers Snowmobile Club regarding trail improvements on the segment of the Crosstown Trail at the US 2/53 Bridge at the Nemadji River.

7. Public Works Director Janigo & Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Cadotte: Consider "no parking" ordinance for Wisconsin Point Road.

Janigo explained that as the Wisconsin Point Restoration and Access Improvement Project is being completed, there is a need to designate no parking on the entire length of Wisconsin Point Road, to protect the restoration areas. Visitors will be required to park in the designated lots only. The parking restriction will be posted on a sign as visitors turn on to Wisconsin Point Road. A few other signs were suggested, perhaps at Lot 1 and near the other parking lots alerting motorists to the parking restriction. It was suggested that since Chapter 90, Section 90-83 of the City Code refers to access to Wisconsin Point, a parking section could be added to this portion of the code.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to approve updating Section 90-83 of the City Code to designate no parking on Wisconsin Point Road, parking permitted only in designated areas/lots.

9. Public Works Director Janigo: Recommendation to purchase a 2019 John Deere 772G Grader for a total cost of \$280,700.00.

Janigo explained that this grader would replace a 1989 model. He highlighted some of the features of the 2019 grader that will make departmental operations more efficient.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve the purchase of a 2019 John Deere 772G Grader for a total cost of \$280,700.00.

10. Public Works Director Janigo: Sidewalk elimination policy and ordinance.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to table the sidewalk elimination policy and ordinance.

11. Public Works Director's Report.

Janigo gave a quick update on work being done by the department including ditching, paving, patching and crosswalk and line painting.

Kern announced the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held August 21st at 5 p.m. in Room 204 of the Government Center.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of August 6, 2019.