

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
August 21, 2019
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Esther Dalbec, Keith Kern

Members Excused: Jenny Van Sickle, Brent Fennessey (alt)

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Chris Carlson, Angie Harker, Shelley Nelson, Darienne McNamara

1. Approval of July 17, 2019 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Kern, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of July 17, 2019.

2. Tabled from the July 17, 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 Kern, and carried to table the tree abatement assistance program draft.

3. Tabled from the July 17, 2019 meeting: Public Works Director Janigo: Sidewalk elimination policy and ordinance.
Public Works Director Janigo recapped previous committee discussions where it was suggested that the department consider a policy change that would include assessing residents for the cost of sidewalk removals. There was a discussion and it was noted that when a removal is requested, it is typically a section of sidewalk in very poor condition and generally does not connect to another sidewalk. Committee members did not feel it was appropriate to assess residents the cost of removing old sidewalks that are in poor shape. Members preferred that these requests continue to be brought to the Public Works Committee on a case-by-case basis per the current policy.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to leave the sidewalk removal policy as is.

4. Public Works Director Janigo & Environmental Regulatory Manager Darienne McNamara: Request to purchase Landfill Compactor GPS System from RDO Integrated Controls.
Members received detailed information about this matter in their agenda packet. Environmental Regulatory Manager Darienne McNamara indicated that RDO Integrated Controls has allowed staff to use the GPS system at the landfill for the past two months and it has been extremely useful. The cost of this unit is about half of the original cost. She reviewed the benefits to landfill operations including the anticipated cost savings.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve the purchase of a Landfill Compactor GPS System from RDO Integrated Controls.

5. Public Works Director Janigo & Environmental Regulatory Manager Darienne McNamara: Requesting approval to sign Letter of Intent with Planergy, Inc. of St. Paul, MN to investigate the potential of a landfill gas-to-energy project.

Janigo and McNamara provided background information regarding this request. The project is in the exploratory stages at this point, therefore the city would not be entering into any type of binding contract at this time. Signing a letter of intent would allow Planergy to explore the feasibility of converting landfill gas to energy via a generator. If the project came to fruition, the City would receive payment for the gas sold to the company (this would be in place of the current carbon credits that we receive). There was a question and answer period.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Kern, and carried to approve signing a Letter of Intent with Planergy, Inc. of St. Paul, MN to investigate the potential of a landfill gas-to-energy project.

6. Public Works Director Janigo: Recommendation to purchase (1) 2020 Fleet Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicle for a total cost of \$23,573.00.

Janigo explained that this vehicle purchase is for the Building Inspection Division and would replace a 1998 pickup truck.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve the purchase of (1) 2020 Fleet Chevrolet Equinox AWD vehicle for a total cost of \$23,573.00.

7. Public Works Director Janigo: Fleet vehicle auction removals (to be received and filed). Janigo recapped the vehicles/equipment recently sent to auction.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to receive and file the fleet vehicle auction removals.

8. ESD Director's Report

Committee members received ESD Director Roberts report with the agenda packet. There were no questions.

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

9. Public Works Director's Report.

Janigo updated the committee on a recent public meeting regarding WisDOT's South Superior (Tower/Central Avenues, Highway 35/105) intersection improvement project.

He indicated that we are awaiting the results of the inspection of the Barker's Island causeway bridge. The bridge is slated to be replaced in 2022. He also gave an update on the Moccasin Mike Road culvert replacement project, outlining issues affecting the project including a conservation easement, wetlands and the possibility of having to close the road to install the culverts. He explained the impact that a road closure would have on the landfill. The department continues to work on the project with the consulting engineering firm.

Kern announced the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held September 18 at 5 p.m. in Room 204 of the Government Center.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of September 3, 2019.