

Public Works Meeting Minutes
MARCH 27, 2007

The Public Works Committee met on March 27, 2007 at 5:00PM at the City Garage.

Present: Todd Loheny, Lynn Lawrenz, Harold Nell, Ken Taylor, & Kelly Koss
Also present: Gary Paape, Dennis Schneider, Pat Zastrow, Russ Stoller, Chuck Schmitt, Jim Rabas, Pam Ritchie, & Tom Romdenne

Moved by Nell second by Taylor to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Taylor second by Nell to approve the minutes of the February 27th committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Lawrenz second by Taylor to approve bill for the Street Dept. Roll call vote: 5 yes 0 no.

Moved by Nell second by Koss to approve bills for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Roll call vote: 5 yes 0 no.

Pam Ritchie addressed the Committee regarding fish waste and the elimination of grinders. She said the Chamber was concerned and hoped that the proposed meeting to discuss the issue would result in a favorable solution.

Jim Rabas spoke on the fish waste issue. He felt fishing and tourism could be impacted by elimination of grinders. Fishing draws people and he hoped a reasonable solution could be found.

WWTF Report:

- The average daily flow was 562,000 gallons.
- To address the aeration issue recommended in the DNR letter of non-compliance regarding oxygen levels, an action plan and cost estimate was obtained from Process Equipment. The basic upgrade to handle current fish waste loading would be: aeration system \$71,700, Fine Screen at Headworks \$47,000, Variable Frequency Driver \$20,000, & Electrical Change \$1,300 – total estimate \$140,000. If no fish waste was allowed the only charge would be minor repairs to the current aeration system.
- Moved by Koss second by Taylor to proceed with the replacement of the exterior digester cover, work to be done by Albert Plastering for \$16,000. Motion carried.
- An energy audit by Focus on Energy will be done on March 29th regarding Variable Frequency Drives.
- The NR101 Fee estimate for this year will be \$1,475.00.
- Moved by Taylor second by Koss to sign a Partnership Agreement with Focus on Energy.

Street Dept Report:

- The Chemical Inventory as part of the overall Safety Program has started.
- New street signs are going up.
- Salt shed passed state inspection.

Old Business

- The easement with St. Paul's school will not be needed. They changed their plans.
- The new 1 ton truck is here and being fitted with equipment. The old one ton will be taken to the auction.

New Business

- A list of possible projects for consideration in the 2008 budget was presented. Cost estimates will be obtained for Committee consideration.
- A plan will be developed for the DeGuelle parking lot. There may be DNR money available for parking lot development to provide parking for fishing.
- Concern was expressed about the 26% increase in administration fees for sewer charges. This fee is charged to the City by the Utility for generating the sewer user portion of your utility bill.
- The Committee will hold an information meeting to discuss fish waste. The meeting will be held April 10, 2007 at 7:00PM at City Hall.

Moved by Nell second by Koss to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.