

Public Works Meeting Minutes
October 30th, 2007

The Public Works Committee met on October 30th, 2007 at 5:00 PM at the City Garage.

Present: Wayne Schmidt, Harold Nell, Ken Taylor, Lynn Lawrenz, Paula Wiese

Also Present: Gary Paape, Pat Zastrow

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

Moved by Taylor, second by Lawrenz to approve the minutes of the 9/25/07 meeting. Motion carried.

Comments from the Public: Mr. & Mrs. Albertson of 402 Lawndale St. in Algoma were present to discuss the erosion near the creek behind their house. In the recent past, the DNR has denied the request for a permit to do culvert and greenspace work in that area. Gary advised the Albertson's that he is aware of the problem and has discussed it with the DNR. He suggested that they – and any other neighbors with concerns - supply the Public Works Committee with a written request to have the DNR look at the area again so he can revisit this issue.

Moved by Taylor, second by Nell to approve the bills for the WWTF and the Street Dept. Motion carried.

WWTF Report:

- ▶ Average daily flow was 352,000 gallons/day.
- ▶ Organic loading equal to 1326#/day or 87% capacity.
- ▶ Digester wall was inspected by Spectrum Contractors. The rebar was found to be not only sound, but in “new like” condition. Bad concrete was removed and patched. The exterior wall covering project was rescheduled for 2008.
- ▶ Digester heat exchanger expansion tank project has been completed by Process Equipment Repair Services.
- ▶ #3 aeration basin project has also been completed.
- ▶ Based on additional test information, the DNR has determined that no limits or additional monitoring will be required for effluent chlorides in the next five year WPDES permit. Expect permit will be reissued before end of year deadline.
- ▶ Weather has delayed fall biosolids application. Expect to be completed in November.
- ▶ Two operators to attend regional training at New London in November.
- ▶ Two sewer credits were requested. Paperwork is complete on the first for Joanne Prausa, 815 Sunset Ave. Credit is in the amount of \$132.61. The second credit for John and Virginia Haske at 305 Steele St. is pending an itemized plumber's bill.
- ▶ Zastrow presented a proposal for Influent Pump Control and Alarm System Improvements from energenec. Motion by Lawrenz, second by Taylor to approve the two WWTF projects at budgeted cost.

Street Dept. Report:

- ▶ Concrete at WWTF has been replaced. Some cement work at plant next spring.
- ▶ Blacktop patching completed 10/30/07.
- ▶ Leaf pick up has begun and will be ongoing through November.
- ▶ Sanitary fall flushing completed. Root cutting done on a few blocks. Jetted dead ends in certain areas.
- ▶ Started preparing equipment for winter.
- ▶ Will be sealing around manholes in November.
- ▶ Brush grinding set for first part of December.
- ▶ Will be doing some storm sewer cleaning.
- ▶ Three sanitary sewer laterals proposed to be installed on Frank St. Utility to install water main in this area. Approximately 400' street surface and some curb in this area.
- ▶ Safety training scheduled for October 29th, November 1st & 27th.
- ▶ Street Dept. summer hours change November 1st, 7 AM to 3:30 PM five days a week.

Moved by Wiese, second by Taylor to approve Street Dept. and WWTF report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

2008 Perry St. project (Cedar Corners)

Discussed possible solutions to concerns about garbage pick-up and parking during the construction.

Discussed the Street and Infrastructure Policy which indicates that the replacement of the sewer laterals from the street to the property line is paid for by the City.

Discussed the situation with the alley entrance at Navarino St. between Mill and Buchanan. Agreed that Gary should meet with John LeCloux to discuss possible fix.

New Business:

2008 Budget – Paape noted that \$10,000 was cut from the equipment budget as well as another \$10,000 from cold mix. He will have a list of funds that he would like to see earmarked available for review at the next meeting.

Paape noted that some quality used loaders are available on the market right now. He will be trying out some used equipment in the next week or two.

A written request was submitted by Lynn Lawrenz for a water main extension on Frank St. North of Washington St. Motion by Nell, second by Wiese to recommend to the Common Council that funding for the project come from the general fund with a 5-year payment plan. Roll Call: 4 Y, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Paape indicated that it would be cost effective to bid the 6th Court project as an add-on to the Perry Street project. He will work with the Utility to ensure that they will be able to do the project in 2008 so it can be bid w/Perry St.

Other New Business

Jamie Spitzer of Precision Machine requested 56' of culvert pipe in between his two driveways. Motion by Lawrenz, second by Wiese to supply (2) culvert pipes and gravel for driveway at Precision Machine. Motion carried.

Schmitz presented a request by the Fire Department to use the City Garage for training on a new Jaws of Life. Training may be on a Saturday or after hours so it doesn't interfere with regular business.

Next meeting date November 27th, 2007 at 5:00 PM at City Hall.

Moved by Nell, second by Lawrenz to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.