

Public Works Meeting Minutes - April 29th, 2008

The Public Works Committee met on April 29th, 2008 @ 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Present: Wayne Schmidt, Harold Nell, Lynn Lawrenz, Paula Wiese, Ken Iwen
Also Present: Gary Paape, Pat Zastrow, Dick Kupskey from Veolia, Jared Schmidt and Dave Welsing from Robert E. Lee, Mayor Haske, Jan Dart, Tom Romdenne

Moved by Nell, second by Iwen to amend the agenda to move Old Business up to Public Comment. MC.

Moved by Nell, second by Iwen to approve the amended agenda. MC.

Moved by Nell, second by Iwen to approve minutes from 3/11, 3/19, and 3/25/08 meetings. MC.

Comments from the Public: None

Old Business:

Dick Kupskey was present from Veolia to discuss recyclable pick-up in Algoma. Several stops are commercial and are generating enough volume to disrupt residential pick-up. Commercial pick-ups are not allowed in the current contract with Veolia. Romdenne indicated that at contract negotiation, Residential and Commercial were not specifically indicated. The pricing structure was based on an estimated number of stops each week. Veolia has been picking up commercial recyclables since the start of the contract. Kupskey indicated the contract specifically excludes commercial and said as a result of a route audit, several businesses with high volume were flagged. Veolia has independently approached these businesses and quoted pricing for separate recyclable dumpsters. The Mayor and Romdenne encouraged Kupskey to review the audit results, determine all affected businesses and work with Romdenne and business owners to research an affordable and convenient solution that's compliant with Veolia's contract. Other pick-up issues were discussed including a recommendation for Veolia to pick up the downtown area on Tuesday morning to avoid several problems with downtown collection.

Jared Schmidt of Robert E. Lee addressed the concern about a DNR permit to fix the Shepick's Creek situation. Robert E. Lee could use information from a previous Flood Study extend it to cover the area in question, update the computer model and map and write the report and submit the permit request to the DNR. The DNR will not give a "yes" or "no" on any option until a request is submitted. The estimated cost of updating and extending the study would be \$5000. Jared indicated once the study and report are completed and submitted, other options could be negotiated with the DNR to arrive at a possible solution.

Moved by Iwen, second by Nell to request \$5000 from the general fund to contract Robert E. Lee to do the study. Roll Call vote – 5 yes, 0 no. MC.

Gary Paape will be on site at Shepick's Creek – on Lawndale between State and Steele – at 4:00 on Monday, May 5th should any of the Council Members wish to view the site being discussed.

Perry St. Project - Robert E. Lee has been working with PECFA – a division of the Department of Commerce – regarding removal of contaminated soil on the Perry Street project site. PECFA has agreed to release available funds to pay for the removal of the soil. There is a \$200,000 cap on available funds and \$127,000 has already been spent on past clean-ups. \$73,000 is available for clean-up on this project. Anything over \$73,000 will have a 2% charge back to the project. A representative from Robert E. Lee will monitor two spots identified to have the highest level of contamination. Any soil that tests over 500 ppm will be removed. The County will likely be contracted by PECFA to remove contaminated soil.

Welsing distributed an updated construction schedule and indicated that some trees will be marked for removal on April 30th.

6th St. Project - Paape indicated that the Utility has scheduled a water main project on 6th Street in 2009. At the same time, the Street Dept. will have sanitary televised, do sidewalk and curbing repair or replacement and street resurfacing. Paape will start getting cost estimates for the 2009 budget.

Moved by Wiese, second by Iwen to approve the bills for the WWTF and the Street Dept. MC.

WWTF Report:

- ▶ Average daily flow was 696,000 gallons/day. Organic loading at 110% capacity.
- ▶ Notified that WPDES permit has been renewed as of April 1st with no additional changes.
- ▶ Dealing with usual problems associated with higher spring flows. Excessive sand and grit build-up in the headworks area causing pump problems.
- ▶ Notified by vendor of a \$75/ton increase for liquid alum which equates to a 30% increase – approx. \$4000 - to annual budget.
- ▶ The influent pump VFD/Controller project is proceeding according to schedule with a completion date of mid to end of May.
- ▶ One sewer credit request. Customer had broken water pipe. Paperwork is complete for Rodney and Vivian Finch, 264 Mill St. Credit is in the amount of \$63.63
- ▶ Proposal for digester cover and gas equipment rehab info needs to be acted on in order to procure equipment and coordinate schedules for project completion this fall.
- ▶ Group of Girl Scouts and parents toured WWTF as part of an Environmental merit badge. Requirement dealt with the role of wastewater treatment in environmental protection. Both children and chaperones were attentive and appreciative. Zastrow enjoyed the tour.

.Moved by Wiese, second by Nell to approve sewer credit request in the amount of \$63.63. MC.

Moved by Schmidt, second by Wiese to approve the proposal from Process Equipment to repair digester cover and gas equipment. Roll call vote, all yes. MC.

Street Dept. Report:

- ▶ Street sweeping is complete.
- ▶ New trees are in and planting will begin when weather permits. Trimming of all trees planted in last (6) years and some tree removals are complete. Will be patching tree lawns and alleys that were disturbed by snow removal.
- ▶ Sanitary sewer flushing is 75% complete.
- ▶ Started to prepare site off of Evergreen Dr.
- ▶ Contacted PCI and Carew for concrete prices for curb and sidewalk patching. PCI is \$77.25 per yard. No penalties or fuel surcharges. No response from Carew. Paape will likely get concrete from PCI again this year.

Moved by Nell, second by Iwen to approve Street Dept. and WWTF report. MC.

New Business:

Previous sewer credit for 502 Jefferson St. discussed further. Moved by Wiese, second by Iwen to deny credit request. Roll Call vote 4Y, 1N (Schmidt). MC.

Paape had a sample of GeoSalt product. He would like to purchase a tank and equipment to use a GeoSalt mix on winter roads. This would significantly reduce amount of sand and salt used and save on equipment wear and tear. Paape will put together equipment costs and estimated savings and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Sidewalk removal was discussed. If residents want portions of sidewalk removed, they need to contact Paape who will bring it to the committee. The committee then makes a recommendation to the Planning Commission who will give or deny final approval. The committee discussed three separate residents who are requesting sidewalk removal.

The committee will recommend removal of sidewalk on the North side of Adams St. from Frank to Flora, the South side of Adams from Flora west approximately 80' and the corner of South and 6th St.

Next meeting date May 27th, 2008 at 5:00 PM at City Garage.

Moved by Iwen, second by Nell to adjourn. MC.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.