

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – February 3, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona was called to order at 6:30pm by Alderman Speight.

Present: Alderman Speight, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Stolper, Ms. Busse, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell

Excused: Alderperson Thomas

Also Present: Monona residents Carol Nikolaus, Bruce Meier, Elaine Meier, Nancy Moore, Marjorie Zicha, and Public Works Director Dan Stephany

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Busse, and seconded by Mr. Turino to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of January 6, 2016, was carried.

APPEARANCES –

Bruce and Elaine Meier of 4404 Winnequah Road appeared in front of the committee and spoke in favor of the proposed no parking zone at 4501 Winnequah Road.

Carol Nikolaus of 4421 Winnequah Road appeared in front of the committee and spoke in favor of the proposed no parking zone at 4501 Winnequah Road.

Marjorie Zicha of 4400 Outlook appeared in front of the committee and spoke in favor of the proposed no parking zone at 4501 Winnequah Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5A: Resident request for No Parking at 4501 Winnequah Rd. – Director Stephany introduced the topic by explaining the handouts for review in the committee packet. Mr. Stolper stated that something needs to be done at this location, perhaps to have no parking during the day when vehicles are parked on the road and in the driveway. Vehicles in both locations block the view. Evening traffic can be seen because their lights are on, making it easier to see at night. Cars at this location are there for the business, which wouldn't be there at night.

The owner of the business has been contacted about the proposed No Parking zone, and is aware that the cars for his business are blocking views from the intersection. Mr. Franklin stated that if no parking were to be implemented then the cars would park in front of some other residence. Mr. Turino added that no matter whose car is parked there, it still impacts sight lines. It would improve the neighborhood considerably if no parking could be implemented.

Mr. Podell thought a two-step approach might work, first addressing the residential business parking issue before a No Parking zone is implemented. If the business parking issue is solved then the No Parking zone wouldn't be needed.

Because the residential business owner wants to work with the city, Mr. Besch thought it would be best to work with the business owner first for a month, to have the cars moved, and see how it works.

Mr. Stolper agreed with Mr. Besch, that staff should contact the residential business owner requiring the employee cars be moved to a different location, such as Waterman Way Park, to improve intersection sight line issues. If the cars reappear before the next committee meeting, the committee will reconsider the no parking request.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino, and seconded by Mr. McConnell to table this issue until the March meeting was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

6A: Discussion and approval of the Adaptive Management Intergovernmental Agreement – Director Stephany introduced the topic by explaining the agreement and informing the committee that City Council had approved the agreement on the first reading at the February 1, 2016 meeting. No vote would be necessary at this meeting.

The agreement commits the City, with opt-out options, to a twenty year commitment to participate in the Adaptive Management program. Along with the annual contribution to Adaptive Management, the City still has obligations to meet the suspended solids and phosphorous requirements in our storm water permit. The City needs to continue to do work in the northwest section of the City, Reach 64, to meet the limits outlined in our storm water permit.

The bricks and mortar approach would be a more expensive solution to meet the EPA and State requirements, whereas the Adaptive Management process will address water in Lake Monona, and at a significantly cheaper price. Mr. Podell asked how the money would be spent, and how would we get quantitative results. Director Stephany responded by stating that best management practices would be implemented with the partners in the program, and that an annual report would be generated, discussing the past year's activities and financial information.

The contribution from the City would not increase. Our financial contribution to the program could decrease as we continue to do work within the City, mainly in Reach 64. The agreement has a process to account for SLAMM updates, and to allow for cost reductions based on improved SLAMM numbers.

6B: Discussion of the Bridge Road pavement marking and signage plan – Director Stephany summarized the draft plan set and letter that was completed by Strand Associates. Director Stephany asked the committee to consider endorsing the pavement marking plan and the No Parking plan so the department can move forward with sending out resident notification letters. The no parking plan includes a new No Parking zone of the south bound lane on Bridge Road from Winnequah Road to Frost Woods Road. No changes would be made to the Stop sign configuration. Parking would be allowed in the north bound lane, with new bike lanes on both sides. With the new plan, bike lanes would also be marked on Frost Woods Road from Monona Drive to Bridge Road.

A resolution for the No Parking signage plan would be presented at the March meeting. The notification letter that will be mailed to area residents will ask for feedback on the No Parking zone, and will also let them know that the committee will be considering the No Parking zone at the March meeting.

Mr. Podell asked if the current center line markings could be ground off prior to the planned micro surfacing. Director Stephany stated that pavement marking grinding can be placed in the micro surfacing bid.

6C: Discussion and approval to amend the Bridge Road reconstruction design contract – Director Stephany presented the amendment request and discussed the handouts included in the committee packet. Strand Associates is under contract to design the reconstruction of Bridge Road, from Broadway to Winnequah Road, and the amendment is to request approval for Strand Associates to complete the design for the 2017 local road reconstruction project. The current contract, and amendment also includes services for bidding, administration and observation of the reconstruction project.

Mr. Podell mentioned that he read a recent article in the State Journal that stated developers were scared away from developing at the City's Riverfront Development location because of planned development in the City of Madison, just west of the Bridge Road. Mr. Podell questioned whether it was the right time to move forward or not with the proposal.

Mr. Stolper explained the current status of the Riverfront Development, and mentioned that the City is a few months away from having a firm plan. Bridge Road reconstruction is currently planned for 2017.

Director Stephany explained the efficiencies of amending the design contract, and summarized the successes of past projects designed and managed by Strand Associates.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Ms. Busse to approve the Bridge Road Reconstruction Design contract amendment as presented was carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Alderman Speight informed the committee that he will not be at the March 2, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Besch to adjourn was carried (8:10 pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works