

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes – March 2, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona was called to order at 6:33pm by Alderperson Thomas.

Present: Alderperson Thomas, Mr. McConnell, Ms. Busse, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell

Excused: Alderman Speight, Mr. Stolper, Mr. Franklin

Also Present: DPW director Stephany, Monona Residents Martha and Richard Nawratil, Susan Sauer, Emily Kite, Evelyn Jones, Marjorie Kravitz, Rob Kalejta, Bruce Meier, Karen Dorman, Charles Paskey, Doug Drake, Nancy Moore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Besch, and seconded by Ms. Busse to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of February 3, 2016, was carried.

APPEARANCES

Rob Kalejta, 4402 Outlook, spoke before the committee on the upcoming Schluter Park channel dredging project. Mr. Kalejta feels it is inappropriate and unfair to assess the residents for channel dredging based on the current cost share policy, and the information from the City that states the park shoreline is sloughing off into the channel. Mr. Kalejta feels the park's sloughing shoreline is the major contributor of the sediment in the channel. Mr. Kalejta provided a copy of his information to the committee.

Nancy Moore, 4505 Winnequah Road, registered in favor of Schluter Park channel dredging, and spoke before the committee on the upcoming Schluter Park channel dredging project. Ms. Moore is in favor of the dredging but has concern about how the dredging is paid for and the percentage of the cost the residents are responsible for. Ms. Moore is asking for the City to reconsider the cost share ordinance because she feels the City's park shoreline is the major contributor for the sediment in the channel, and the City should be paying for a greater portion of the cost.

Marjorie Kravitz, 4400 Outlook Street, spoke before the committee on the upcoming Schluter Park channel dredging project, and the parking issue on Winnequah Road at Outlook Street. Nothing has changed about the parking, and the owner's car is parked on the road for longer than a week. It has actually gotten worse.

Karen Dorman, 6101 Bridge Road, registered against the Bridge Road Parking Plan, and spoke before the committee against the Bridge Road Parking Plan. Ms. Dorman wants to know if there are statistics for accidents and close encounters. She is not happy about giving up parking on their side of the road. She also wants to know why bike lanes are being proposed for Bridge Road when the City just put bike lanes on Winnequah Road. She said bike lanes are going to encourage more bikes to use Bridge Road instead of Winnequah.

Evelyn Jones, 6102 Bridge Road, registered in favor of the Bridge Road striping plan, and spoke before the committee in favor of the Bridge Road striping plan. Ms. Jones states there is a lot of traffic on Bridge Road and at the Stop signs, and it often takes up to five minutes to cross the lane of traffic.

Emily Kite, 6102 Bridge Road, registered in favor of the Bridge Road striping plan, and spoke before the committee in favor of the Bridge Road striping plan. Ms. Kite strongly supports bike lanes and the parking plan, and feels that cars are crowding the side of the road driving too close to the curb, and they drive too fast. This is a concern with children, and Bridge Road does not have safe access to the park. Ms. Kite does support adding speed humps.

Susan Sauer, 6013 Bridge Road, spoke before the committee on the changes to Bridge Road. Ms. Sauer wants to know what the safety concerns are. Painting lines on the road isn't going to slow anyone down.

Richard Nawratil, 411 Frost Woods Road, spoke before the committee on changes to Bridge Road and Frost Woods Road. Mr. Nawratil stated that traffic is too fast and often goes through Stop signs. He would like to see speed humps on Frost Woods Road and Bridge Road, and is in favor of parking on one side of the road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5A: Parking Update at 4501 Winnequah Rd. – Director Stephany stated that contact was made with Mr. Adams after the last meeting to inform him that the cars of his staff need to park elsewhere or the City would move forward with the recommendation of No Parking at this location. Mr. Adams told the director that he wanted to cooperate and will ask his staff to move their cars. He asked if he could park his personal vehicle in front of his house, which he can. Emails were received by area residents with photos showing Mr. Adams car and trailer was parked on the street for a week and hasn't moved. The staff parking is now parking in the Schluter Park parking lot. Residents are concerned because it is a safety issue with cars being parked on the corner. It doesn't matter who owns the vehicles, it's a safety issue and they block the sight from Outlook.

Aldersperson Thomas stated to the committee that staff will contact the police chief regarding the parked cars on the road at this location. This item will be back on the agenda again in the future for review.

NEW BUSINESS

6A: Discussion and approval of Resolution for No Parking on Bridge Road – Director Stephany explained the initial resident request for improved safety for pedestrians trying to reach the City Park. The proposed bike lanes are being added for pedestrian safety, and because people want to see more bike lanes in the City. The Resolution for consideration is to eliminate parking in the southbound lane on Bridge Road, from Frost Woods to Winnequah. A 100' stretch of No Parking is proposed at the guard rail, in the northbound lane, so vehicles don't block the yellow arrows indicating a curve in the road. Letters were sent in early February to Bridge Road residents, notifying them of the proposed No Parking zone. Director Stephany received two emails from Bridge Road residents, indicating they were in favor of the proposed changes.

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Turino to approve the pavement marking plan and No Parking zone on Bridge Road was carried.

6B: Assessment method discussion and approval for Schluter Beach channel dredging – Director Stephany explained the handouts in the packet. The current ordinance reads that the City pays 30% of dredging costs, and the residents pay 70% of the dredging cost. Assessment calculations based on expected dredging expenses were provided to the committee for review. One scenario followed the assessment ratios outlined in the City Code, and the second scenario followed the format that was used for the Belle Isle dredging project, a 50' minimum assessment frontage and 100' maximum assessment frontage. The calculations in each scenario are based on the low bid received on February 18th. Aldersperson Thomas stated she didn't like establishing frontage limits for the City park property, and thought it would be fairer for the City to pay for the whole length of the park shoreline and not establish a limit for the park property. Mr. Turino stated that he agreed with Aldersperson Thomas on this. Mr. Turino confirmed with Aldersperson Thomas that one of the options they have is to recommend a different assessment formula. Mr. Turino suggested to keep the 50' minimum, and 100' maximum, but the City be excluded from these and pay full it's full share for the 242'.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Ms. Busse to recommend establishing a 50' minimum assessment frontage and 100' maximum assessment frontage for residential property owners, and with the City's Schluter Park property being excluded from this and paying it's assessment for the full shoreline length of 242' was carried.

6C: Approval of Schluter Beach Improvement Project bid – Director Stephany presented the bid information from the February 18, 2016 bid opening. Bids were received from three bidders, with the low bid provided by Drax Incorporated for the amount of \$891,982.30. Vierbicher reviewed the bids, and conducted reference checks on the low bidder and has determined that Drax meets the requirements of the bidding documents, and is considered a responsive bidder. The project is a joint project with the park department, and a portion of the costs will be the responsibility of the park department. The project includes the demolition of the park restrooms and construction of new restrooms, completing other park amenities, dredging the channel, shoreline restoration, and installing two sediment removal structures prior to the storm water outfalls.

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Turino to approve the Schluter Beach Improvement Project bid award to Drax Incorporated in the amount of \$891,982.30 was carried.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Turino to adjourn was carried (7:35 pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works