

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – June 1, 2016

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

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

Excused: Mr. Franklin

Also Present: Monona residents Kathy Ziegler, Paul Johnson, John Griffith, Michelle O'Neill, Carrie Rogers, Susan Rogers, DPW Director Stephany, and Engineer Josh Straka

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Besch, and seconded by Mr. Turino to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of May 4, 2016, was carried.

APPEARANCES –

Paul Johnson of 106 Parkway Drive appeared in front of the committee to state that there has been an increase in parking on Parkway Drive during the day, mostly from high school students. The cars show up before Habit Restore is open for business. Mr. Johnson believes the parking will continue going forward and would like the City to implement a two hour limit during the weekday for both sides.

Kathy Ziegler of 103 Parkway Drive appeared in front of the committee to state it is increasingly difficult to back out of their driveway because of the student parking. Advanced Disposal has a hard time emptying the garbage carts because of the parked cars, and has left the garbage carts lying in the street. Fire trucks might have a hard time maneuvering with the parked cars on the street. Ms. Ziegler favors two hour parking.

John Griffith of 105 Parkway appeared in front of the committee stating the problems are not unique and that the same parking problem occurs on Shore Acres and Wallace. Mr. Griffith did state that some Habitat Restore customers do park on Parkway, but they are not there as long. John would be in favor of some form of change to parking restrictions on Parkway.

Michelle O'Neill of 4508 Wallace appeared in front of the committee to state the same problem that is happening on Parkway is happening on Wallace and supports proposed changes to parking on Wallace.

Carrie Rogers appeared in front of the committee to speak on behalf of her parents, Susan Rogers, to seek a water leak credit for 4555 Winnequah Road. They had a pipe burst over the winter and would like to appeal the large water bill. 365 cubic feet of water went through the meter, and the normal usage is 22 cubic feet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

5A: Discussion of street parking issues on Wallace Ave., Gordon Ave., Parkway Dr., and Shore Acres Rd: Alderman Holmquist stated the public safety committee agreed with the public works committee that some form of change is needed, a more uniform change to be made with parking. The public safety committee did not recommend any changes, other than support for change.

Mr. Stolper informed the committee that the high school parking lot is not full, and the high school charges students to park in the lot. Charging to park at the high school may be forcing the students to park on the City streets.

Ms. Busse informed the committee that staff should reach out to the school to make sure they are aware of what is being proposed. Ms. Busse also stated that two hour parking would not relieve the real problem, completing City services. Alternate parking should be considered to better address City services.

Alderman Speight informed the committee that two hour parking on the area streets should not be part of the solution. The PD doesn't have the staff or time to enforce two hour parking. Alderman Speight mentioned that a permit system could be considered.

Mr. Besch stated that if a permit system was put in place there is still a parking issue.

Alderman Holmquist added that even/odd parking, M-F, 8:00-4:00pm, September 1st to June 15th, except weekends and holidays, would solve the majority of the issues. Mr. Stolper added that unless we try something we won't know what will work. Alternate parking should be considered and if it doesn't work we'll try something else.

Mr. Turino mentioned that the same number of cars, which are jammed packed now, will be the same with alternate side parking.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Alderman Speight to notify residents of Wallace Avenue, Gordon Avenue, Lofty Avenue, Parkway Drive, and Coldspring Avenue of the proposed parking restrictions; No Parking, Even/Odd Calendar Dates, M-F, 8:00am – 4:00pm, September 1st through June 15th, excluding holidays was carried. Mr. Turino opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

6A: Local road reconstruction design update and consideration: Josh Straka, city engineer from Strand Associates, was on hand to explain the schedule and plan for the 2017 local road reconstruction project. Mr. Straka presented a few plans for McKenna that showed various sidewalk paths, the impacts on the number of trees planted in the terrace for each side, and the curb and gutter alignment for each side. The terrace width does not have to be identical on both sides. It is recommended that if sidewalks are installed there should be a terrace between the curb and sidewalk for snow storage.

Alderman Speight stated to the committee that McKenna is not a private street. It's a street that is a block away from a school and is a public right of way. Children need a safe way to get to our schools. If sidewalks are installed some trees would need to come down. The sidewalk should meander around the good, mature trees, not including any ash trees.

For the McKenna public information meeting the committee wants to know if the residents want sidewalks or not. If the residents want sidewalks, will a meandering sidewalk be acceptable to avoid cutting too many trees down? For the meeting, Strand will prepare a street design that does not show sidewalks, and one that shows a meandering sidewalk. This item will come back to a future public works committee meeting.

Mr. Straka also presented intersection design options for Bridge Road. Bridge Road at Winnequah Road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2017 to replace the cast iron water main on Bridge Road from this intersection going west under the river. City staff has received complaints on the stop sign configuration at this intersection because of the free flow southbound right turn. Strands review indicates that this intersection is not a traditional intersection, and the easiest way to make this a traditional intersection is to install stop signs in all directions. Another option is to configure it as a four way stop with two lanes for southbound Winnequah, and eliminate the right turn pork chop. Mr. Straka also showed an option for a roundabout. This option would perform the best of all options because it is a free flow option. Mr. Straka said nothing has to be done at this intersection, but now is the time to reconfigure the intersection if there is a desire to do so.

Mr. Straka stated that if this is converted to a four way stop there should be a traffic count completed. Crash data should also be reviewed. This information should come back to public works before it goes to public safety.

Public works has not received any complaints from the fire or police departments on this intersection.

6B: Discussion and consideration of water leak credit, 4555 Winnequah Road: Director Stephany explained the information that was included in the packet for this issue. The sewer credit was already issued by staff per City Ordinance. The average usage for this parcel is 14 units per quarter, or 10,472 gallons. The leak did not go through the sewer. 365 units went through the meter, which amounts to 273,020 gallons. Past history of the committee is not to offer a water credit for internal plumbing leaks. The sewer credit was approximately \$895.69.

Mr. Podell mentioned that a credit was given about seven or eight years ago for a resident that had a leaking toilet. This was a timeframe when the City still had a water credit ordinance and gave water credits. The City eliminated the water leak credit a few years ago.

Director Stephany mentioned the current meter reading program does not have the ability to notify residents of water leaks in the residence. A metering program that notifies the City of potential leaks is the next type of process the utility intends to move to in the future.

Alderman Speight stated this is a great example of the importance of turning the water valve off prior to leaving for vacation.

Mr. Stolper stated he was troubled, when they are not even here in the house and they have a leak they shouldn't have to pay the full amount of the water bill. To that Alderman Holmquist added that he was sympathetic, but if relief is given here the cost is spread to all the other water utility customers. Director Stephany mentioned that the committee entertained a leak credit request about a year ago where the customer went through nearly 400,000 gallons and the committee did not approve a credit.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino, and seconded by Mr. Podell to deny the request for a water leak credit was carried. Mr. Stolper opposed.

6C: Consideration of 2016 Capital Budget Amendment: Director Stephany presented the resolution explaining the request to transfer \$12,500 from the South Towne Epoxy Pavement Marking account to the Street Repair & Maintenance account to complete additional work. The price to complete the South Towne roundabout pavement marking was significantly less than the budgeted amount. The work requested to be done for additional street maintenance includes infrared seamless patching to various areas throughout the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Mr. Besch to recommend approval of amending the 2016 Capital Budget and transferring \$12,500 from the South Towne Epoxy Pavement Marking account to the Street Maintenance & Repair account was carried

6D: Consideration of Title 6, Section 6-1-2 Code update: Director Stephany informed the committee that the City is updating the City Ordinance book in 2016. Chapter 395, Streets and Sidewalks has language that still references the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations. Director Stephany requested the committee consider updating the title to Department of Safety and Professional Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino, and seconded by Ms. Busse to recommend approval of updating language in the City Ordinance Book to reference the Department of Safety and Professional Services in place of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations was carried.

6E: Consideration for July public works committee meeting: Director Stephany notified the public works committee that he will be on vacation the week of July 4th and asked the committee if they would like to hold the July 6th meeting. The committee would like to have a July meeting to discuss the Wallace Avenue parking issue. The Director will check on the availability of the Community Center for July 13th, or the week of July 11th and will inform the committee and public of the date for the next meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, July 13, 2016, depending on availability of the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Busse and seconded by Mr. Besch to adjourn was carried (8:53 pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works