

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes – August 5, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona, via Zoom, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Committee Chair, Jennifer Kuhr.

Present: Alder Kuhr, Alder Thomas, Ms. Piliouras, Mr. Stolper, Ms. Gundlach, Mr. Speight, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell

Excused:

Also Present: Dan Stephany - Public Works Director, Vierbicher Engineer – Gary Blazek

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion made by Mr. Turino, and seconded by Mr. Speight to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting was carried.

### APPEARANCES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Discussion and consideration of the 2021 Public Works Capital Budget.

Director Stephany presented the draft 2021 capital budget to the committee. Project and equipment details were explained for each item. Nineteen projects and one equipment purchase for 2021 were presented. The following items generated extensive discussion.

- Pirate Island Bridge Reconstruction: the committee discussed adding another row to the cost breakout indicating potential grant value with the total price reduced by that amount. Another possibility is to add a grant column to the budget spreadsheet.
- Street Maintenance & Repair: Mr. Stolper asked which streets were on the current list of streets requiring work. Director Stephany stated the names of the streets and said the list is formalized once City Council passes the capital budget. The streets making the list are usually those in most need based on PASER rating.

Mr. Turino stated his observation that there is a lot of bicycle and pedestrian traffic at the north end of Winnequah Road since March and asked if traffic volume can be factored in when determining the street maintenance list. Mr. Turino added that he believes more emphasis should be put on the main thoroughfares, and it's about producing extra safety as well. Mr. Turino stated he is not requesting traffic calming items, but to put off streets with less traffic for another year or two while the main thoroughfares like north Winnequah get more attention because there is so much non-motor traffic. It was mentioned that north Winnequah has some rough spots, and directing street maintenance that way would increase safety at these rough spots. Director Stephany responded that is typically not how street maintenance priority is determined and that he would discuss the request with the Mayor and City Council. It was pointed out that Monona has rough spots on a lot of streets. The rough areas of pot holes can be repaired by short section patching.

Mr. Stolper agreed that focusing street maintenance funding to north Winnequah from the bend in the road to just north of Outlook is a good idea, because it is rough in the area.

Alder Kuhr stated that at a future meeting, November, the committee should discuss how streets are selected for maintenance.

Mr. Besch said discussing street maintenance at a future meeting is great as long as the committee stays on course with the list created by the Director.

- Engineering Speed Humps: Mr. Stolper stated the drawing in the packet is not what was approved for McKenna Road. The drawing indicates a parabolic rounded angle portion approaching the hump. What was approved was straight angles with a flat top for McKenna. A parabolic hump cannot be uniform on each speed hump because of the rounded approach.

Alder Thomas wanted to know when the roads for the speed humps were selected, and why Owen Road was not selected and Frost Woods was. Director Stephany stated that the roads were selected through the Ad Hoc Bike Ped Committee process, which was presented to the PWC and City Council, and accepted by Council. Alder Thomas wanted to know if Owen Road can be added to the list because bicycles and pedestrians are accessing Owen Road to and from south Winnequah Road.

- White Water Tower Painting: the committee does prefer to have the City name “MONONA” painted on the tower when it’s repainted.
- Onderdonk Lift Station Removal: depending on bid costs, Mr. Stolper asked if the pump station demolition could be delayed indefinitely or completed in the future. If prices are favorable it should be done, but if prices are high, this should be considered.
- Replace John Deere Front End Loader: Mr. Stolper indicated the loader has 2,637 hours on it, not even close to 10,000 hours and doesn’t understand why the PWC would consider trading it in. Spending for new tires should be adequate and much cheaper than purchasing a new loader. Director Stephany explained that he is introducing the loader for replacement because of its age (14 years old) and heavy usage over the years. The points rating assigned to the loader is 27, a rating of Poor, and qualifies for replacement. The points rating model used for rating Monona equipment is based on the APWA national model, and is approved by the PWC and City Council.

Mr. Turino asked if a grapple bucket could be fitted to our current loader, and also feels the department can get more life out of the current loader.

Mr. Podell added that he feels the stated trade-in value is low. He looked on the computer and saw models with higher hours selling for a higher value than what we were quoted for trade.

Alder Thomas asked if we could compromise and find money for tires and a grapple and keep the loader longer. Mr. Turino added that a replacement seat should be purchased as needed if we will be keeping the loader. The PWC will allot \$31,000 for these items.

A motion made by Alder Thomas, and seconded by Mr. Turino to keep the current loader and not replace it, and to allocate \$31,000 for new tires, a grapple bucket and new seat if needed was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Besch, seconded by Mr. Podell, to approve the budget as presented. A motion was then made by Mr. Stolper, seconded by Alder Thomas, to amend the budget as presented to remove the Broadway Rapid Flash Beacon System and Engineering for Speed Humps. Voting yes on the amendment was Mr. Stolper, Mr. Podell, Mr. Besch, and Alder Thomas. Voting no on the amendment was Mr. Turino, Mr. Speight, Ms. Piliouras, and Ms. Gundlach. Due to the tie, Alder Kuhr was required to vote, and voted in favor of the amendment.

The motion to approve the budget as amended was carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Speight, and seconded by Mr. Besch to adjourn was carried (8:46pm).

Daniel Stephany  
Director of Public Works