

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – September 2, 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; Gregg Borucki, MSA Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Mr. Speight to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting was carried.

APPEARANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and consideration of bid award for the Capital City Bike Trail Connection Project.

Two bids were received at the bid opening for the Capital City Bike Trail connection. The bid opening was September 2, 2020. The bid opening was the same day as this PWC meeting due to delays from receiving engineering documents from the railroad for the bid packet. Factoring in the number of days for the City's approval process and typical date for asphalt plant closures in mid-November, the project is on a tight timeline for completion. The Office of the Railroad requires the project to be completed by December 31, 2020.

Dane County Contracting, the same contractor as McKenna Road project, provided the low bid for the project in the amount of \$46,650. Project engineer, Gregg Borucki, provided a summary of the project and engineering delay from the railroad.

The railroad portion of the project cost for track crossing is \$21,550.

PWC members discussed what a path is and what a sidewalk is, and questioned whether or not bicycles can ride on sidewalks. Clarification should be discussed at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Mr. Speight to recommend approval of the low bid of \$46,650 as submitted by Dane County Contracting was carried. Mr. Stolper voted no.

Discussion and consideration of establishing southbound No Parking limits on Tonyawatha Trail and Winnequah Trail. The packet contains the Ordinance document at the request of the Mayor. Both streets have had temporary no parking since April, and per Ordinance, expires in mid-October. They mayor is requesting discussion and consideration to make these changes permanent. The temporary parking requirements were put in place to make the streets safer for the higher numbers of pedestrians and bicyclists using these streets. The Ordinance also includes intersection locations of No Parking Here to Corner to improve intersection sight lines. A map is included for reference. Alder Kuhr read a statement from a constituent who was in favor of the proposed changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Speight and seconded by Mr. Turino to recommend approval of the proposed No Parking changes to Winnequah Trail and Tonyawatha Trail as written in draft Ordinance 9-20-734 was carried.

Discussion and consideration of the 2021 Public Works Operating Budget.

The 2021 Operating Budget was presented by Director Stephany. The director explained the budget directive from the mayor was to complete four different versions for consideration. The version to be presented is the 0% increase version for General Fund budgets. The utility budgets should also reflect a 0% increase. An Operational Highlight sheet, also included in the packet, was created to show increases or decreases of \$500 and greater. Director Stephany explained these changes and answered questions from committee members.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Alder Thomas to recommend approval of the 2021 public works operations and utility budgets as presented was carried.

Discussion and consideration of Barnes Landscape Services 3 year contract.

The packet includes a new three year proposal from Barnes Landscaping for them to continue providing brush collection services, storm branch cleanup services, and Christmas tree collection services for the next three years starting in 2021. The first three years of working with Barnes should be considered a great success. Barnes has provided excellent customer service with very few complaints received. Members of the committee agreed that Barnes has done a great job with brush collection, and they do good quality work.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Mr. Besch to recommend approval of the Barnes Landscaping three year contract proposal as presented for 2021, 2022, and 2023 was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Mr. Speight to adjourn was carried (7:24pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works