

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

December 5, 2012

Draft Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairperson Thomas.

Present: Alderperson Thomas, Alderman Speight, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Stolper (arrived 6:31pm), Ms. Busse, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell

Excused:

Also Present: Director Stephany, Gregg Borucki - SCS BT Squared, Andy Albright - Plan Design, resident Ernie Branch, resident Bruce Miller, resident Rob Kalejta, and resident John Disch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Busse, seconded by Mr. Turino to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of October 3, 2012 was carried.

APPEARANCES

Rob Kalejta, 4402 Outlook St. – appeared to request the City of Monona complete sediment removal maintenance of the Schluter Park channel, as outlined in easement document 919882. The channel is full of sediment and needs cleaning. The last cleaning took place in 1988.

OLD BUSINESS

5A: 2012 Generator Project Screening – Gregg Borucki and Andy Albright appeared in front of the committee to present and discuss the generator screening options as provided in the packet. Mr. Albright discussed various plantings and screening options for all of our neighborhood generators. Whatever options are chosen, all will require some form of annual maintenance to keep them presentable. Mr. Albright also discussed “ball park” figures that can be used to help determine screening costs. Mr. Borucki mentioned that the underground utility locations will have to be taken into consideration when the screening options are finalized.

It should be noted that the goal of the committee is to screen all seven of the City’s generators, and that each generator should be addressed individually based on it’s surrounding. Staff will ask the City Council to reallocate the remaining balance in the capital budget to address all seven locations in 2013. This topic will come back to the committee for the February 6, 2013 meeting.

5B: Sign Request at Outlook St. and Winnequah Rd. – this topic was discussed at the October 3, 2012 meeting. It was decided that the public works committee would address this topic again after the public safety committee had a chance to review the request.

Alderperson Thomas stated the public safety committee did consider the request, however, didn’t think the request would solve the defined problem and recommended against any new sign installation. Mr. Turino questioned this decision and thought the intersection should have at least a Yield sign.

A motion was made by Mr. Turino, seconded by Alderman Speight to recommend the City install a Stop or Yield sign on the southwest corner of the Outlook St. and Winnequah Rd. intersection was not carried. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

6: Schluter Park Channel Cleaning – This topic is being discussed to address the recent request. Mr. Stolper started the discussion by asking the committee if it makes sense to spend money to conduct an engineering study to see if the eastern end of the channel can be converted to a sedimentation basin for the incoming storm water discharges.

Alderson Thomas asked staff to look into any grant opportunities to remove sediment and to convert a portion of the channel to a sedimentation basin. Alderman Speight added that the timing is perfect for the City to look into this issue, given the renewed commitment by the mayor and council to address storm water outfall maintenance throughout the City.

Mr. Stolper would like to address this issue in a timely manner and asked if there was any money available in the 2013 capital budget to potentially complete the needed engineering. The money that is usually dedicated to this type of work is currently allocated to the planned storm water modifications at Fireman's Park in 2013. Mr. Podell asked the committee if a portion of the park can be given up to accommodate a small sedimentation basin. This and other options can be looked at during the engineering phase.

Staff will begin work on getting engineering pricing and report back to the committee.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Speight, seconded by Mr. Stolper to adjourn was carried (8:13pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works