

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Present: Mayor Williams and Council Members Danforth, Jones, Rieffenberger, Solberg & Thorson

Also Present: Tom Drake, Sarah Caron, Mike Rye, Mike Boerger, Erick Dahl, Shelly Ebbers, Jeff Riley, Stanton Fox, Josh Weyh, Stephanie Gregory, Don Egert and Kyle Horst

Approval of the Agenda.

City Engineer Tom Drake proposes to amend the agenda by adding a discussion on the City's snow plowing policy and a news release about a temporary closing of South Broadway for bridge work. Motion was made by Dennis Solberg and seconded by Mike Danforth to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes.

Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Mike Danforth to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Introduction of new Airport FBO Owner.

The new owner was not present at the meeting.

Discussion on Airport Supplemental Services Agreement.

Airport Manager Erick Dahl reviewed the proposed Supplemental Services Agreement with Airco. FAA requires that a person fully-trained in airport operations be present at the airport during and after all commercial operations. Since Airport employees work a shift from 4:00 am to 3:00 pm, this leaves a gap in the coverage for flights beyond that time frame, and means the Airport would have to hire additional employees, allow overtime for existing employees, or enter into an agreement with another party for these services. For several years, the FBO has provided these services, which is the most cost-effective and reliable means of meeting the FAA requirements. Under the proposed agreement, Airco will provide the necessary services, which would include airfield inspections, field conditions (FiCONs), wildlife control, and aircraft security measures, for a fee of \$60.00 per inspection, with an estimated annual cost of \$29,278.00. This is an increase over the previous agreement because there are now five flights. After discussion, motion was made by Bill Rieffenberger and seconded by Dennis Solberg to recommend approval of Supplemental Services Agreement. Motion carried.

Review of Airport farming leases.

Three proposals were received for farming airport land. The highest proposal was from Todd & Loren Fleming in the amount of \$63.25 per acre for a total of \$49,071.88 per year. Currently the City is receiving approximately \$28.43 per acre, which comes to approximately \$22,058.00 per year. The lease would be for a three-year term. Motion was made by Dennis Solberg and seconded by Mike Danforth to recommend acceptance of farming lease with Todd & Loren Fleming. Motion carried.

Consideration of contract with American Engineering Testing for asphalt testing on the FBO Ramp and Hangar Taxiway Reconstruction Project No. 1124.

Staff presented a contract with American Engineering Testing for asphalt testing on the FBO Ramp and Hangar Taxiway Reconstruction Project. The estimated cost of these services is approximately \$2,920.00. After discussion, motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Steve Thorson to recommend approval of contract with American Engineering Testing. Motion carried.

Request authorization to advertise for bids for the 2013 Street and Alley Assessments Project No. 1301 and for the Uptown Alley Block 10 Reconstruction Project No. 1302..

Staff requests authorization to advertise for bids for the 2013 Street and Alley Assessments Project and for the Uptown Alley Block 10 Reconstruction Project. Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Dana Jones to authorize advertising for bids. Motion carried.

Update on SDDOT proposed construction of Highway 212 from Highway 20 to 2nd Street SW including a new bridge on the Big Sioux River.

Tom Drake explained that the SDDOT has a proposed project for the reconstruction of Highway 212 from Highway 20 to 2nd Street SW, including a new bridge over the Big Sioux River. He has written a letter to the DOT asking them to consider an overpass over the railroad crossing in the construction of this project. This would not only relieve the traffic delays at this rail crossing, but could also possibly meet the City's agreement with the Railroad to close a highway grade crossing. This agreement stipulates that the City will close the 1st Avenue rail crossing prior to the time of the opening of the South Connector. There is \$343,000.00 in state & local funds budgeted for this rail closure and the re-routing of 1st Avenue down to Kemp Avenue. If the SDDOT includes the Highway 212 railroad overpass in their construction plans, this becomes a viable alternative to the 1st Avenue rail crossing closure. This was an update only, and no action was taken by the Committee.

Consideration of Cost Recovery for NE Interceptor Sewer Project No. 1119 and 2nd Street NW Project No. 1122.

A discussion was held on current and proposed cost recovery methods for major street systems and trunk sewer lines. Tom commented that there are approximately 30 different sewer assessment projects on the books, dating back to the 1970s, with varying fees and methods of collection. Staff proposes a consistent, standardized cost recovery method where the fee is based on a per acre charge and is collected as a sewer connection fee at the time a building permit is issued, or a street improvement charge to be collected at the time of platting and/or with a building permit. Cost recovery would only be for major street systems with no driveways. Staff was asked to prepare a hypothetical cost summary of the new method applied to the recently completed 2nd Street NW Project, and to return to the Committee with this information at a future meeting. Staff will also make this presentation to the Finance Committee. No action was taken.

New Business

Closure of South Broadway for Bridge Work

Tom Drake announced that South Broadway will be closed for 10-14 days, starting on January 14th. This so that the State can conduct geotechnical investigations and soil borings for the new bridge that is scheduled for 2014. A news release will be issued.

Discussion on plowing of snow emergency routes.

Street Superintendent Mike Rye distributed a copy of the current snow removal policy and a map of the emergency snow routes. The policy states that highways are plowed first, followed by the snow emergency routes, then schools & hospitals. The uptown area is plowed in the early morning hours before any vehicles are parked there. The timing and intensity of the weather event affects the plowing schedule. The lake is usually plowed when the wind is going down, and takes approximately 14 hours. Mayor Williams explained that if it is blizzard situation with high winds, and if the interstate has been closed, this is a good indication that weather conditions are not safe for the street crews to be out, and a decision is made to delay plowing. However, he plans to change the policy to plow the emergency snow routes in the middle of town, even if the wind is blowing in the outskirts of town. This will expedite the opening of streets in the uptown area and around the hospital and schools. He added that the December storm left us with a lot of ice accumulation on the streets. The City applied the usual 10% salt & sand mixture, but salt is not

very effective until the temperature reaches at least 17°, so it took awhile to get rid of the ice. No action was taken.

Old Business

Wastewater & Solid Waste Superintendent Mike Boerger gave an update on the Single Stream Recycling Process. He stated that 3,381 requests for the new containers have been received. This is approximately 45.7% participation, which is better than expected. He wants to remind the public that glass is not recycled and should be placed in the regular garbage. A lot of positive feedback has been received from public about allowing the yard waste containers to be used for regular waste over the Christmas season. A brief discussion was held about the different types of plastics that are recyclable.

Mike Danforth asked for an update on the assessment process on Mayfair Street. Tom Drake stated that a public hearing was held before the council and the property owners were opposed to paying for any improvements, so further discussions will need to be held.

Executive Session

None

Motion made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Steve Thorson to adjourn meeting at approximately 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider