

## **PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

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

Also Present: Tom Drake, Sarah Caron, Mike Rye, Mike Boerger, Stanton Fox, Dr. Mark Rieb, Beth Mantey and Kyle Horst

### **Approval of the Agenda.**

Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Bill Rieffenberger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **Minutes.**

Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Dana Jones to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of Ordinance No. 13-15 amending the rabies vaccination requirements for dogs and cats. (Dr, Mark Rieb, Animal Control Board).**

Dr. Mark Rieb and Beth Mantey, representing the Animal Control Board, were present. Dr. Rieb reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments, which would change the requirements for rabies vaccinations of dogs and cats from two years to three years. It states that the pet owners may elect to have their animal vaccinated every year or once every three years, in order to be licensed with the City of Watertown. There are two types of vaccines, one that is effective for three years, and one that is effective for only one year. Most pet owners opt for the three year vaccine, but they could still choose the one-year vaccine if they and their veterinarian chose to do so. Dr. Rieb explained that the reason for the change is that there is a concern within the profession about over-vaccinating. This can cause allergic reactions, anaphylaxis, or cancerous tumors. By reducing the frequency of the vaccinations, it increases the safety for the pet, and the three-year vaccine is just as effective as the one-year vaccine. A certificate is given to the pet owners stating what vaccine was used. There is no additional risk to pets or people with this option. Beth Mantey added that this will make it more convenient for pet owners, and is expected to increase compliance. After discussion, motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Steve Thorson to recommend approval of the ordinance revision. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of bids received for the Pheasant Ridge Drive Project No. 1312.**

Tom Drake reviewed the bids for the Pheasant Ridge Drive Project. Low bidder was McLaughlin & Schulz in the amount of \$241,601.55, which is slightly lower than the engineer's estimate. This is a budgeted item. Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Bill Rieffenberger to recommend awarding bid to McLaughlin & Schulz. Motion carried.

### **Consideration of bids received for the Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements Project No. 1306.**

Tom Drake reviewed the bids for the Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements Project No. 1306. Low bidder was Forest Excavating in the amount of \$39,000.67, which is slightly higher than the engineer's estimate. This is a budgeted item. Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Steve Thorson to recommend awarding bid to Forest Excavating. Motion carried.

### ***Old Business***

None

***New Business***

Mike Danforth asked about installing speed reduction signs on Willow Creek Drive as it approaches 19<sup>th</sup> Street East. He has noticed many traffic violations and accidents at this intersection. Street Superintendent Mike Rye will take care of the speed limit signs and check turn-lane signage.

Mike Danforth asked about street sweeping. Mike Rye stated that the sweepers are going out every day as weather permits. Most of the areas have been gone over at least once, with the emergency routes and highways done more than once. Some discussion took place as to whose responsibility it was to sweep the curbside sidewalks on Highways 212 & 81. The policy has been that the city removes the snow, but that it is the responsibility of the property owner to sweep the gravel from the sidewalk.

Dana Jones asked about the road in front of the mall that is in such bad shape. It was explained that this is a private street, and is the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. Staff is working on a cost estimate that will be presented to the adjacent landowners. If the city were to accept responsibility of the street, it would need to be built to city standards.

Dana Jones mentioned that the southern bypass is not marked as a truck route along 29<sup>th</sup> Street East. Staff will look into additional signage.

***Executive Session***

None

Motion made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Steve Thorson to adjourn meeting at approximately 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Marscheider