

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

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

Also Present: Tom Drake, Sarah Caron, Mike Rye, Mike Boerger, Stanton Fox, and Kyle Horst

Approval of the Agenda.

City Engineer Tom Drake proposes to amend agenda by adding discussion of closing a portion of Fish Road. 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 Dennis Solberg to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Consideration of Bids for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project No.1308

Tom Drake reviewed the bid tab for the Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project. Only one bid was received from Hydro-Klean LLC, in the amount of \$295,183.44, slightly lower than the engineer's estimate. Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Dennis Solberg to recommend awarding bid to Hydro-Klean LLC. Motion carried.

Consideration of Final Change Order for Phosphorus Removal Facility Project No.1120.

Tom Drake reviewed Change Order No. 1 for the Phosphorus Removal Facility Project, for a decrease of \$4026.00. The changes result from the reuse of four circuit breakers instead of using four new ones, and the installation of control wiring from existing pulsator in the clarifier. Motion was made by Dennis Solberg and seconded by Steve Thorson to recommend approval of change order. Motion carried.

Consideration of a lease agreement with Robert Dreher for mowing the 20th Avenue South Right-of-Way.

Mr. Robert Dreher requests authorization to mow and harvest hay from the right-of-way where 20th Avenue South merges with Broadway, an area of less than 5 acres. The Street Department has no objections to the lease agreement, as this would eliminate the City having to mow it. The lease would be at no cost. City Attorney will draw up the agreement, which will include a Hold Harmless Clause. Motion was made by Dennis Solberg and seconded by Mike Danforth to recommend approval of lease agreement. Motion carried.

New Business

Consideration of the closure of the north end Fish Road.

Doug Enstad, Municipal Utilities, contacted staff with concerns about people driving around the guy wires on Fish Road between the Pelican substation and the southern bypass. The concern is that if the guy wires are hit, it could cause a power outage to most of Watertown. A discussion was held about closing off the entrance to Fish Road northward off the southern bypass. The entrance to Fish Road from Highway 212 would be signposted as a dead-end street. Access to Fish Road southward from the southern bypass would still be available. Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Dennis Solberg to forward this item on the full council without recommendation. Motion carried.

City Attorney Stanton Fox mentioned that, following Friday's storm, a number of business signs around town were knocked down. Many of these signs were non-conforming, so they will not be able to be reconstructed as they were. A discussion was held as to whether or not the sign code

ordinance should be temporarily suspended to allow these signs to be reconstructed. The committee decided that the Building Official should look at each case individually to decide if the sign should be reconstructed, or if the matter should be taken to the Board of Adjustment. No action was taken.

Steve Thorson asked if the Mall had been asked to close following Friday's storm when the lift stations were down. Wastewater & Solid Waste Superintendent Mike Boerger stated that they were not asked to close, but were asked to minimize use of the sewer system.

Old Business

As a follow-up to the June 11 Public Works Committee meeting, Mike Danforth asked whose responsibility it was to sweep the curbside sidewalks, as they are still covered with sand from last winter. Street Superintendent Mike Rye stated that sweeping the sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. A discussion ensued on how to get the sand removed, and how to inform property owners of their responsibility. It was discussed the city should remove the sand this year and send out letters stating it is the property owners' responsibility from now on. No formal action was taken.

Executive Session

None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider