

Public Works Committee Meeting minutes August 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm by chairman Ihm.

Members present: Ihm, Labudda, Olmstead, DPW Hauth, Morgan excused

Previous minutes approved on motion by Labudda, second by Olmstead

DPW Hauth updated committee on 2016 projects: Parking lot and storm sewer work to begin week of August 2015 with Rule Const. of Dodgeville as general contractor. Additional work that will be done is replacing water main in alley next to well #2 that has been problematic. Also getting an estimate to remove what is left of the bridge near E. Hickory and N. Jackson St. SCADA project is moving along with testing of equipment scheduled to take place in Madison at the end of August. Automated meter reading work is also on going. Summer helper has been installing radio read units and walking routes are down to about 2-3 days.

DPW Hauth informed committee of a citizens inquiry as to why yellow center line stripes have not been maintained on S. Madison St. and Beetown Rd. Hauth did some investigating and found that the lines had not been updated in the past due to cost. He checked with Iowa County Highway Dept. which does line painting for area counties now and found the cost to be approximately \$2,000 for both sections of street. Committee members were going to provide some feed back after looking at the streets. The citizen noted that most communities have lane markings on state and federal highways.

Hauth read an official request from county board chairman asking to utilize the city of Lancaster sanitary sewer system for existing facilities and possible future expansion in that area. Hauth has asked city engineer to help develop a check list to use in this process should the city be willing to allow county to connect. Committee felt the city may see some benefit to having sewer service extended in this area.

Projected 2017 street reconstruction project was reviewed. This would be a total rebuild of S. Jefferson from Cherry to Oak. W. Walnut from Madison to Washington and W. Oak from Madison to Washington. Work will also include some sanitary sewer work that runs through private property. UW-P senior engineering students used this area for a senior design project this spring and some of this information will be utilized by Strand. One of the students was actually hired by Strand.

Hauth presented committee with examples of proposed street lighting styles to be used on square reconstruction project. The current city cost share for this work is \$303,105 and includes replacing all of the current tall aluminum light poles in the downtown as well as new decorative lighting around the square. Hauth also talked about concerns with colored cross walks in the downtown area. DOT engineers and Strand commented on problems they are seeing with the stamped and colored concrete cross walks after several years. Snow plows can chip the stamped concrete which leaves exposed concrete. Hauth showed some pictures of communities Strand has worked in that have used stamped concrete and colored concrete for cross walks. It was noted that Fennimore has colored concrete cross walks while Platteville has stamped. Many communities are also doing a border of either colored or stamped concrete behind the curb approximately 18" or more and committee thought this would look

nice as well. Committee also thought it would be good to extend colored cross walks to Elm St. intersection along with decorative lighting.

Committee comments: Ihm mentioned that retention ponds at Arrow Ridge need some attention with trees growing around them. Hauth said the city will be renting a mower from highway dept. again this summer to mow these areas and will cut the trees and brush this fall.

Hauth wanted committee to know that city staff did an excellent job dealing with recent storms, water main breaks and equipment failures that required long hours. Fortunately staff was available to come in after hours and that experienced staff were here to guide newer staff. He mentioned the importance of having experienced employees with the knowledge of our systems. Public works crew has been working 9 hour days Monday through Thursday and 4 hours on Fridays and it seems to be going well. Utility crew was not interested in this schedule due to the constant interaction with customers and contractors and felt it would be better to work 8 hour days.

Motion to adjourn by Labudda and second by Olmstead.

Submitted by John Hauth