

Public Works Review Committee Minutes Jan. 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Ihm.

Members present, Ihm, Morgan, Labudda, and DPW Hauth. Olmstead excused. Mayor Wehrle attended later on.

Motion by Morgan and second by Labudda to approve minutes.

Hauth gave an update on Well #3: Well is back in service and first Radium sample came in at 4.4. According to agreement with DNR if the first sample was over 3.5 city is to collect monthly samples for 3 months. If levels stay below 3.5 we will sample quarterly for one year.

There have been some reports of air in the water system and this is due to the start-up of the well. We are working on making adjustments to the air release valves to take care of this. The well was taken off-line for a few days to let the system settle down.

Update on bike lanes for square project: Hauth had a conference call with WIS DOT, Strand and Otie on December 22 to discuss bike lanes, sidewalks and signage. The federal requirement for bike accommodations will still be part of the design. We asked the DOT if it was possible to eliminate the bike lanes in order to make sidewalks wider and cut down on maintenance of painting lines each year. The response is that the federal requirements look at all modes of transportation. The bike lanes could either be marked with a solid line, a sharrow or no markings at all. After discussing the options with the committee Hauth would like to send a letter to the federal person overseeing this project with several suggestions and ask that some changes be made to the design. The committee would like to see no markings for bike lanes except for sharrows around the square. Make all bike lanes uniform 3' so that sidewalk widths could be increased as much as possible.

Hauth passed around pictures of overhead signage that the DOT used in Prairie du Chien. He feels that this would be much easier for traffic to see than attaching the highway signs to light poles or separate sign posts. The committee liked the idea.

Update on Grant County building plans: Grant County is still looking at several options in and around the city for future buildings. If a building is built at the Orchard Manor site the county will most likely want to connect to city sanitary sewer. It appears that city ordinances would allow the connection. The current wastewater treatment plant at Orchard Manor will need major upgrades in the future and the best option may be to pump wastewater to the city. Things to be considered will be if the city would take ownership of the pumping station and piping and where to locate it. Other sites the county is looking at are adjacent to the city and already have city utilities nearby.

Motion to adjourn at 5:45pm by Ihm, second by Morgan.

Submitted by John Hauth