

Public Works Review Committee Minutes February 13, 2017

Meeting called to order by Ihm at 5:00pm, members present, Ihm, Morgan, Olmstead, Labudda.

Also present DPW Hauth, Sgt. McLimans, Tom Zenz, Dave Knoke, Leon Nix, David and Mary Janney

Minutes approved by Morgan and Olmstead

Tom Zenz representing ATV/UTV riders distributed a map showing routes that are open to use in Grant County and will be printed in the new plat books. Additional routes will be added before publication. A request was made to open the entire length of Elm St from McKinley to fairgrounds to connect to existing routes on both sides of the city. The group is also requesting that N. Adams from Elm to City Limits be opened to provide access to City Limits St. which is already approved.

Sgt. McLimans said the police dept. was not in favor of allowing ATV traffic on Elm St. because of the busy intersection at Madison St. and school traffic. DPW Hauth did not see have any concerns with damage to streets and the ATV group has been very accommodating with locating signs. He did share concern about the Elm and Madison intersection. Alternate routes were discussed that would avoid Elm St. and committee asked ATV group to work with police dept. on alternate routes and bring them to March council meeting.

Hauth reported on sewer lateral relocation for Jefferson, Oak and Walnut reconstruction project. 9 estimates had been turned in with 3 remaining. He felt that the total will be around \$25,000 when the remaining 3 are received. None of the estimates include restoration of landscaping or concrete. David and Mary Janney live just outside the proposed construction area and also are connected to a sewer main that runs through private property. They feel the city should pay for the full cost of relocating laterals in these situations which will eliminate problems for everyone in the future. The majority of the committee felt that the city should contribute 50% towards the cost while one member felt it should be more. There will be a public information meeting for all property owners on Feb. 23rd at 6:30pm to discuss the overall project.

Hauth informed the committee that Grant County is considering repaving county highway A from McKinley St. west towards Bloomington in 2017. None of the work will take place within the city limits. County officials are considering adding curb and gutter from McKinley street west approximately 1800 feet, cutting the road down slightly and some realignment between McKinley and TV Ln. The curb and gutter will allow for better drainage west of TV Ln. The county may ask to connect a couple of inlets to existing city storm sewer system at McKinley. Hauth informed county officials that there is aging water and sewer mains along this stretch of road that are not owned by the city but are connected to city systems and have been prone to breaks. He felt that these lines should be replaced before any road work is done. Committee felt that full council should discuss what role the city should take in replacement.

Discussed asset management agreement for all 3 wells. Hauth followed up on previous presentation by Water Well Solutions for 10 year service agreement and associated cost. The agreement would cost the

water utility \$950,000 over the life of the contract. Hauth looked back at all well maintenance he could find for the last 26 years and approximately \$600,000 has been spent on routine as well as emergency repairs. Hauth stated he is not in favor of entering a contract and committee supported that. Hauth asked Water Well Solutions to provide an estimate of what it will cost to get well #1 back in normal working condition and also asked another company to provide a bid.

Administrator Winger and Hauth attended Orchard Manor farm committee meeting Feb. 8th. IIW Engineers updated county on sanitary sewer plans to connect to the city system. A report that included wastewater loadings was presented and this was forwarded to Strand for review. The county will need a letter from the city after review stating that the city will be able to accept the loading. Strand has received this report.

No committee comments

Labudda and Ihm motioned to adjourn meeting.

Submitted by John Hauth

Public Works Committee Meeting December 13, 2017

Meeting called to order by Ihm at 5:00pm, members present Ihm, Schmidt, Olmstead, Labudda absent, John Hauth and John Kruser

Previous minutes approved by Ihm and Olmstead

John Hauth and John Kruser explained how public hunting is handled at former landfill. Hunters often call Hauth for permission and he contacts John Kruser who is helping manage number of hunters. Bow hunting is not much of a problem but gun seasons are harder to manage and pose more danger to the public.

The entire property should be properly posted no hunting without permission

All gates should be closed during gun hunting season like they were in previous years

Things for council to consider:

Keep the current process in place where hunters contact Hauth for permission to hunt with bow or guns and trail is closed during the regular 9 day gun season

Do a lottery for gun season to control number of hunters

Allow only bow hunting

Hauth brought up the idea of charging a tipping fee from contractors that dump wood waste, concrete, and dirt at old landfill. Several out of town contractors have asked about it in the past few years, we usually ask them to clean-up what they dump but we don't always know who is dumping and it takes time for our crew to do it. Not all of the material dumped there comes from within the city. Committee was in favor of charging a fee and asked Hauth to come up with a number.

City of Stoughton will be selling their 2008 jetter/vacuum truck by next summer. We purchased current truck from them and have good luck with it and would like to upgrade while current truck still has value

City is eligible for federal disaster aid from last summers storms and had initial meeting with FEMA, city incurred costs of \$11,000 for labor and equipment.

Grant County is planning to rebuild County A west of McKinley but water and sewer need to be replaced first. Public Service Commission opinion is that water mains are public. County will do all design work and can hold off on project for a few years.

No parking signs on Willow Street and south Monroe Street near High Point Clinic are only temporary through the winter so that snow plows can get through. These areas are congested with hospital parking due to construction.

Hauth informed committee of two areas that were not scheduled for replacement but have developed problems. Crews discovered a sewer main that runs under a garage and is in poor condition and cannot be repaired in place. An undersized storm sewer main is causing flooding to a home during heavy rain events.

The next step in the highway 61 project will be to work with local businesses to identify parking during 2019 construction.

Committee comments: no fly-in breakfast planned for next year; will there be permanent electrical connections around the square for community event? Are we still looking at logging of city land?

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 9th at 5:00pm

Motion to adjourn by Schmidt and Olmstead

As recorded by John Hauth