

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

October 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Gering at 6:30 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Gering, Ald. Voss, Ald. Moede

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Kathie Wild, Deanna Boldrey, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Smith, Vern Hilker, Roger Williams, Ron Wellner, Sue Smith, Sally Kahlhamer, Dena Harris, Dan Schmitt, Marge Nitschke

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of September 22, 2009, meeting.

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Voss to approve minutes of September 22, 2009, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

Dan Schmitt of 610 Green Bay Dr. noted that he is the person that put the culvert in. He stated that the culvert was approved at the first meeting and then not approved at the second meeting. He is asking for an extension for removing the culvert because the fall and spring rains could cause possible erosion.

Vern Hilker, Director of Public Works, discussed tree trimming complaints. He asked council members to give him the property owner's information for those that have complaints. Vern is compiling a list so that Alliant Energy and the sub-contractor can work to rectify the problem. This is a part of a five year tree trimming cycle and trimming could be severe. It was noted that in some situations the property owner needs to keep the tree trimmed so that the trimming is not so severe.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

- A. Hydrant Flushing – Progress Report.
Ron Wellner reported that hydrant flushing should be done tomorrow.
- B. Ultra Violet Disinfection Report.
Ron Wellner reported that the Utility Commission has approved the ultra violet disinfection. An engineer had reported to Ron Wellner that this could save the City \$34,000 each year.
- C. Janitor Resignation.
Ron Wellner reported that the janitor has resigned and that the utility commission had told him to put an ad in the paper. Ron noted that their part-time person could clean in the interim until winter snow clearing begins. The hours are 10-15 hours per week; 10 hours in the summer and 15 hours in the winter. Discussion ensued to whether a cleaning business or individual would work best.

Time and Date of next meeting is November 3, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Ald. Moede, second by Ald. Voss to take business out of order and discuss agenda item #7. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 – Report on Culvert Removal Placed by the Property Owner Within Public Right of Way. RE: Dan Schmitt, 610 Green Bay Dr.

Vern Hilker noted that erosion is a concern and it does make sense to allow an extension. Ald. Voss questioned if blacktop could go in the ditch line. Vern noted that the blacktop can be a problem as well. It was noted that Vern will be going to the property on Monday to inspect the property and write an inspection report on the situation. There was unanimous consent to hold a special meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009, to consider approval of the inspection report.

Item #5 – Monthly DPW Report.

- A. Status Report on Upper Dam.
Vern Hilker reported that the City did meet the timeline and has submitted the application for the grant. The City will be notified after December 1, 2009. Plans have been submitted to the DNR.
- B. Local Road Improvement Program – Grant Possibilities
Vern Hilker reported that on October 23, 2009, he will attend a meeting on grant possibilities. This could apply to the Henninger Street Project.
- C. Update on Twin Oaks Subdivision Proposal.
Vern discussed the underlying zoning change. Vern reported that there will be a public hearing with the Council after the Planning Commission Meeting. Then there will be a series of meetings with the Planning Commission and Council as part of the approval process. The developer does seem to be on board with the procedures.
- D. Update on Activity related to River Knoll Industrial Park.
 - 1. Sign.
Lake Country is working on their portion of the sign. All the businesses affected have approved the sign. The frame and concrete are in place.
 - 2. Interested Tenants.
Vern noted that there is one request pending in the industrial park. They are analyzing the affects of winter construction and may start in the spring. All depends on the timing and weather.

Item #6 – Report on Standing Committee Meeting Regarding Landfill Truck Traffic.

Vern reported he attended the Standing Committee Meeting. In response to the complaints Veolia is supposed to discuss an alternate truck route with the haulers and provide public information by a notice in the paper with a Veolia contact name and number. The next haul event is next spring.

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Item #8 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Voss second by Ald. Moede to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna L. Boldrey, City Clerk