

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

Members Present: Voss, Moede, Nitschke

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Hoy, Ald. Smith, Ald. Pasbrig, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Jerry Koepp, John Hennig, Bill Linzenmeyer, Chris MacNeill, Shelli Haipek, Chuck Brockhaus

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of August 19, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Moede, second by Voss to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

Jerry Koepp expressed that he feels one or two street lights need to be added around 509, 520, and 527 Green Bay Drive. Vern responded that the normal procedure is to ask the police department to take a look at the situation and if they feel there should be some street lights added this would then be brought back to the public works committee.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

A. Nothing to Report.

Item #5 – Monthly DPW Report.

A. Sidewalk Inspection/Repair.

Vern reported that they normally do a city wide sidewalk inspection. When there has been a lot of repairs needed they would do a ward by ward inspection. Vern reported that they haven't done any inspections this year and was looking to find out the committee's feeling on if sidewalk inspections should be done. The committee felt that the city was in good shape and with the way the economy is right now it would be a good idea to handle the inspections by a case by case basis when complaints were reported. Vern reported that he has received a complaint about the sidewalk on Dayton Street by Christian Life Fellowship. Vern reminded the committee that the city still does have a liability issue by not doing the inspections this year.

B. FEMA Submittal Status.

Vern reported that the City's FEMA project specialist is on vacation until October 6th. They are continuing to work at getting all the information gathered and reported to FEMA.

C. Dam Rehab Discussion.

Vern reported that he had asked FEMA about covering the cost of the dam stability analysis required by the DNR and they will not cover it. He has done some checking and there are only grants for dam removal nothing for rehabilitation. He explained that no records had been kept on the flow of the river but thought that our flow was not enough to be used for energy. Vern expressed that if the council doesn't tell him they want to remove the dams then he will move ahead with the rehabilitation. The Mayor reported that he talked to Dan Heim from the DNR about some more of our options. He would like to have all the options presented to the council before we move forward with the stability analysis. The Mayor will work with Vern to get a presentation ready with all the options. Vern will look into having Kunkel Engineering put together an analysis on our options. There was also a question as to whether or not a presentation could include a schematic on what the river would look like if the dam was removed. Ald. Voss expressed that the citizens should be able to

express their options. Vern reported that there would have to be a hearing process before the dam(s) could be removed.

D. Clean Sweep Reminder.

Vern reported that the clean sweep was held last Friday. The city had 87 participants. Two years ago we had around 60 participants.

E. Discuss/Recommend Snow Removal Property Owners Ordinance.

Vern explained that he would like to have the ordinance that he drafted reviewed by the city attorney. He explained that he used the old ordinance and added some additional wording. Instead of sending notices out as they occur, a notice will be put in the paper annually by November 1st informing the property owners of their responsibility. Ald Pasbrig expressed the he feels our ordinance needs more bite to it. He would like to see property owners first be notified or warned and then given a fine. He would like to see the final ordinance once approved given to the downtown businesses and to the chamber. He would also like to see articles in the local papers expressed that snow removal is a major concern. The Mayor expressed that he would like to see the past repeat offenders mailed something in advance. He feels the ordinance is a good work in progress and that we need to address some of the issues. Ald. Moede expressed that he has noticed that a lot of businesses fail to remove the snow on their sidewalks. He understands that the current process is for the Main Street businesses to push the snow from their sidewalks into the streets and the city would take care of removing it. Ald. Voss expressed that he feels this ordinance jeopardizes people that have sidewalks. Vern explained that there have been multiple times in the past that they have handed out notices. There were 8 bills sent out last year. Citizens have 30 days to pay their bill otherwise it goes on the tax roll. Ald. Smith feels putting red signs on violators property still is a good idea. He feels this would embarrass the property owner and hopefully deter them from clearing their sidewalks in the future. Vern indicated that door hangers overcome frost or snow conditions that prohibit lawn signs from staying in place. Ald. Pasbrig expressed that everyone needs to use common sense. In the past the ordinance worked well. The problem we have is with rental properties and absentee owners. Vern will revise the ordinance and present at next month's meeting.

Item #6 - Adjournment.

Motion by Moede, second by Voss to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk