

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

Members Present: Sabel, Liebenow, Voss

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Sabel, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Ron Guse, Ron Wellner, Bill Stanke, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Bob Smith, Sue Smith, Bob Parduhn, Carolyn Matthews

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of November 27, 2007 meeting.

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

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

A. Water Service Break-Gleason Reel.

Ron Wellner reported that there was a water break in the road at Gleason Reel on December 3rd. They repaired it the same day. The utilities paid for the repair.

B. Fluoride Shortage.

Ron received notice that there is a lack of fluoride being produced. They currently do have enough fluoride and it is still being put in the water. If they run out they will contact the media.

C. Tim Bachhuber-Retirement August 8, 2008-Replacment Lab Tech.

Ron reported that there was an error in the date. Tim Bachhuber is planning on retiring on August 22, 2008. He did post the opening with the union. That person would start on July 1, 2008. Jodi Steger has taken the position. They now have posted Jodi's job with the union. They want a person with basic lab knowledge to fill in. They want to hire someone in March. Ross Case their part-time employee resigned in November so the person they hire will take on his job duties until they can hire a part-time person in the fall.

D. Date & Time for Next Meeting.

Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Item #5 – Monthly DPW Report.

A. Snow Removal Report.

Vern reported that they have got a lot of complaints regarding snow removal. A lot of them were from people that just didn't want to shovel snow. They are having some trouble with people that are on corner lots not shoveling the handicap accessible part of the sidewalk. He encouraged people to make an effort to clear those areas. There also were complaints that the snowplows plowed more snow on one side of the street than the other. This is not done on purpose. The city crew is trying to do the most efficient job possible. They have been sending sidewalk snow removal notices out to property owners. Ron Guse was present to answer any questions about snow removal. He reported that they have been cleaning up Main Street. It is harder to clean up since the new obstacles were added with the Main Street updates. It is the businesses responsibility to shovel all the snow to the curb and into the street. The city is not able to clean all areas with a skid loader. Ald. Voss asked what the policy is for deciding on when to come in for snow removal. Ron Guse stated that they leave it up to the police department to call him and let him know if the roads are

getting bad. He then calls his department to come in. Normally during the week the city will come in at 2:00 a.m. and at 3:00 a.m. on weekends to remove snow. He reported that right now we have no problem with getting salt. The company is good at keeping us supplied. Ron Wellner reminded people to keep the hydrants clear of snow.

B. Sidewalk Snow Removal by Property Owners-Consider Possible Ordinance Change.

Vern reported that currently property owners have 24 hours after a snow fall to clear sidewalks. As a courtesy they have been sending out notices. When sending out notices there is a 2-3 day delay. They no longer will be sending out notices. People should know they need to clear their sidewalks. Ron Guse handed out a possible change to the ordinance. The example was from the City of Madison. People would have 18 hours after a snowfall to shovel. If the sidewalks aren't shoveled the property owner would be issued a fine of \$109.00. If they aren't shoveled after another 24 hours they would receive a \$172.00 fine. After that the city crews will come out and shovel and will charge the property owner. Ron Guse expressed that this is a stiffer ordinance however it is normally the same people that are in violation. This item will be put on next month's agenda for further discussion.

C. Upper Dam Engineering.

Vern reported that he did get the inspection report for the lower dam. It has been pushed back to 2010 which is good because they can now bid that out also with the upper dam concrete work. Vern is concerned with how we are going to get the engineering services done on the projects without capital borrowing for the next two years. We had on the capital improvements plan \$21,000 in 2009 for the lower dam project. Vern will get the figures for the engineering on both projects and report back at the January meeting.

Item #7 – Discuss Water Main on South Main Street and sufficiently for Fire Protection Purposes/Possible Recommendation to Council.

Ron Wellner stated that both Vern and himself have requested that the DOT do this project however they haven't gotten a response. He has asked the auditor to include in two smaller projects into the impact fees which one would be the area of Ruedebusch Ave down to Main Street. If the auditors allow us to do this we may be able to do it in 2010. The south end of the street will be done by 2013 at the latest. Otherwise we are stuck until we hear back from the state. Ald. Sabel asked if the Mayor could write a letter to follow-up on the request. It was suggested that the fire department take water from School Street or the intersection of Main and Horicon Street. Bill Stanke stated that the fire department does have a plan right now if a fire happens at South Main Street.

Item #8 - Adjournment.

Motion by Voss, second by Liebenow to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk