Public Works Committee
Thursday, April 16, 2020
(Virtual Meeting from Home Sites)

Members Present: Alderpersons Matt Bartlett, Lisa Reeves, Sid Boersma, and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused: Tom Majewski

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert, Planning Director Rodney Scheel and Vickie Erdahl

Guests:

Call to Order: *Bartlett* called the meeting to order @ 6:04 PM

1) Communications: *Hebert* reported:

- TDS has started their work. Restoration work has been following the bore work within days.
- An extra brush collection was added the week of April 13
- Leaf collection has been extended with the final pick up the week of May 3rd
- Yard Waste site will open on Saturday, April 25th. Stickers will be sold at the site and changes in protocol will be in place
- Public Works Facility will remain closed until May 26th or when the Safer at Home order is lifted.
- Crack filling of various streets within the city is nearly completed

Boersma discussed concerns regarding road and sidewalk issues on Monroe St. This project is under warranty and repairs will be done in the spring of 2020.

2) Approve February 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Reeves seconded by Boersma to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

3) Review and Possible Action to Consider Revisions to the Sidewalk Policy:

Scheel stated that requested language changes from the February meeting were incorporated plus in Section V additional streets were added as collector streets.

Motion by Boersma, seconded by Reeves to recommend to the Common Council to approve the language amendments and street additions to the Sidewalk Plan and Installation Policy. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business:

4) Overview of Stoughton Public Works Flood Preparedness:

Hebert reviewed the plan with the committee stating that areas with a greater risk have been identified and monitored including the dam. The dam has alarms that alert staff directly and we have Mutual Aid Partners in place.

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5) **Discussion and Consideration to Provide an Additional E-Waste Dumpster at the Yard Waste Site:** *Hebert* was requested to consider placing a 12-yard dumpster at the Yard Waste site for electronics. This would give residents an option if unable to come to the Public Works Facility, but, if busy at the site it would be challenging to do both jobs.

Hebert stated that's Johns Disposal is willing to electronics with the bulk-on-call pickup for fifty cents a month per resident but does not solve the issue for residents/entities who do not have Johns Disposal which would still need a place to recycle.

Motion by Boersma, seconded by Reeves to postpone this discussion to the May meeting.

6) **Discussion on Allowing Plantings in the ROW:** Alder Ligocki requested *Hebert* to look into City Ordinances pertaining to plantings in the Right-of-Way. The City of Stoughton Ordinance 64-9-Street and Right-of-Way Use and 58-10 –Public Nuisance Affecting Peace and Safety were provided along with Madison's Plantings in ROW Ordinance.

Committee concerns were how and who would enforce, vision triangle issues and what can and can't be planted – it's always a question what is considered "nice" {eye of the beholder} situation.

Hebert is looking for suggestions. The committee was asked to take photos of plantings in ROW that they see to include in the packet.

Future Agenda Item

7) **Discussion and Approval of the City of Stoughton Small Cell Ordinance and Application Form:** *Scheel* created Chapter 63 to address Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the Right-of-Way.

This ordinance was created to protect the city for antenna(s) or device(s) being placed in the city's right-of-ways. The City has little authority as these companies are under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations. The companies have guidelines for strategically placing their hardware. Stoughton Utilities are separate from this ordinance as they have pool agreements the companies would have to follow.

Motion by Boersma, seconded by Reeves to recommend to the Common Council to approve the creation of Chapter 63, Relating to Wireless Telecommunication Facilities in the Right-of-Way. Motion carried 3-0.

8) **Overview of the Public Works COVID-19 Protocol:** *Hebert* discussed the COVID-19 for the Public Works that is currently in place. Committee approved and questioned if there was any consideration for taking temperatures. Committee was wondering about our parks – Hebert stated the structures were currently closed and with the new order from the Governor the trails will be open, however, the splash pad will remain closed. This, of course, will impact the level of staffing for the summer. On a side note a new structure is being installed @ Lowell Park in June.

9) **Future Agenda Items:** Planting in ROW, Dumpster @ YW Site

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Moved by Boersma seconded by Reeves to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. Motion carried 43-0. Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl

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