Public Works Committee
Thursday, October 17, 2019
Public Works Facility, 2439 County Rd A

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

Absent/Excused: Tom Majewski

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

Guests: Emily Barr

Call to Order: *Bartlett* called the meeting to order @ 6:03

1) Communications: *Hebert* reported:

- Fall Leaf Collection started Monday 10/14/19
- October Brush Collection will start Monday 10/28/19
- Leaf/Stormwater Signs given out to post in yards
- Crack sealing will be ongoing (weather dependent) and completed in November
- Parts of Van Buren and Wilson were sealed - *Boersma* stated he received several calls complaining about the smell and that they were not aware of it happening. *Hebert* stated that the company failed to do the notification and they were made aware of the situation - this will not happen in the future. Mayor Swadley asked if parking lots would be getting sealed in this fashion.

Scheel reported out:

- Lowell St/ S Monroe St project is behind. The completion date was September 27th. The binder coat is down on Lowell and will be put done on S Monroe (south of Main St). The surface coat is currently being worked on including restoration. Patterson St and one block of S Monroe (north of Main St) stormwater work is currently if progress and a binder coat placed before winter.
- Sidewalk lifting repair to raise the concrete in the block between S Division & S Forrest St is being done on Thursday October 24 and make take several days to complete.
- Dirt from Glacier Moraine Project has been distributed to NAFA, Hwy Trailers and Public Works. This project will be completed in 2020.
- *Boersma* stated that he was receiving calls regarding the 2020 Road Construction on Hwy 51. *Scheel* stated the DOT held a public meeting and The Chamber will be hosting a meeting for business on Tuesday, October 29th. *Scheel* will post on social media, city website etc. after a summary of the details is developed of all the construction including the following information: 1) Page St to Van Buren St will be closed through the summer allowing local traffic only with a posted detour, and 2) Van Buren St to Hoel will allow traffic on one lane each way but no left turns will be allowed.

Old Business:

2) NONE

New Business:

3) Approve September 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Boersma seconded by Reeves to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

4) Presentation on the Stoughton Dam Inspection Results: *Hebert* presented the study on the dam stating the dam had passed the WDNR required inspection which is done every ten years, as this dam is considered a low hazard. There were two issues that needed to be

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addressed; 1) several bolts needed to be replaced – which has already been corrected and 2) mow the embankment which is already in a rotation.

5) **USH 51 Corridor Study – Comment on September 26, 2019 Public Involvement Materials:** *Scheel* discussed the items for consideration to the plan as follows:

- A ten-foot sidewalk be installed on one or both sides of USH 51 from Jackson St to CTHB East
- Recommend pedestrian crossings be enhanced for designated locations crossing four lanes of traffic by considering overhead signs, flashers or alternative pavement types for the crosswalks
- Consider the feasibility of a park n ride (PNR) located at USH 51/South 138 intersection and CTH B near Williams Dr to encourage carpooling and use with future bus transportation and
- The City be consulted during the evolving design process throughout the construction

After a short discussion the committee agreed with the suggestions.

Motioned by Reeves, seconded by Boersma to recommend to the Common Council to consider the current preferred Alternative H suggestions as part of the USH 51 Corridor Study Environmental Assessment. Motion carried 4-0 (w/Mayor voting yes.)

6) **Discussion and Possible Action Repealing and Recreating Section 58-6 and 58-8 and Creating Sections 58-12 and 58-13 Related to Hazard Trees and Noxious Weeds on Private Property:** *TABLED*

7) **Discussion and Possible Action Approving the Public Works Policy for Removal of Trees on Private Property:** *TABLED*

8) **Discussion about Potential Brush Collection Revenue Options:** *Bartlett* requested to discuss the topic of brush collection as a potential revenue option – if it was feasible and if it could be placed as a special charge on the tax roll. Hebert will discuss with the current Finance Director and the city attorney regarding this issue.

Bartlett directed staff to review current costs and generate a plan if there is a way to offset costs.

9) **Winter Snow Operations Presentation:** *Hebert* presented a slideshow regarding the current plow operations for downtown and residential areas of the city. Also included were the operations for Parks, city sidewalks and Parking Lots, notifications and a review of the current Snow Emergency Ordinance.

Mayor Swadley requested Hebert present the slideshow to the City Council.

10) **Future Agenda Items:** Sidewalk Policies, Hazard Tree Removal/Noxious Weeds

Moved by Reeves seconded by Bartlett to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion carried 3-0. Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl Administrative Assistant – 10/22/19

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