

Public Works Committee
Thursday, March 16th, 2023
(Hybrid Meeting)

Members Present: Tom Majewski, Kay Rashka, Jean Ligocki, Rachel Venegas and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused: Fred Hundt & Jeffrey Bartzen

Staff: Public Works Director Brett Hebert, Planning Director Rodney Scheel

Guests: Nate Austin – John’s Disposal

Call to Order: *Majewski* called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

1) **Communications:**

- *Director Hebert* advised that Public Works has been getting ready for Spring with turning equipment over; sweepers are being prepped and hope to get them out next week.
- *Director Hebert* advised that the City Forester is planning for a Spring tree sale and the trees will be sold at wholesale rate will be about 1 inch in caliber
- *Director Hebert* stated that crews have been on pothole patrol as of lately and making good progress.
- *Director Hebert* advised he has been working with the Department of Corrections for signs and hope to get a discount rate.

2) **Approve February 19th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Venegas to approve the minutes and seconded by Rashka. Motion carried 4-0.

3) **Old Business:** Review and Potentially Approve Amendments to Ordinance 62-2 and Bulky on Call Program Set out Limits

Director Hebert introduce Nate Austin from John’s Disposal to help answer any questions the Committee might have on this topic. *Director Hebert* advised that we are looking to create structure and has updated the limits and provide more clarity. He presented a breakdown of how many of each item(s) were allowed per month as well as annually. *Ligocki* suggested clarifying how many tires are allowed as the current wording could be misconstrued – suggested adding the wording up to eight tires per year. *Director Hebert* agreed and will make the necessary changes.

When Nate Austin was asked about how John’s tracks some households that may abuse the program, he advised that their customer service tracks every call that is called and their drivers report back to the office to log on their end internally. He advised that John’s offers this service to the majority of the communities they serve and pride themselves on that their competitors do not. However, he is certainly in favor of providing more structure of the program and if the new structure is approved, he would get the new structure to his drivers to abide by.

Motion by Rashka to approve with the changes made, Majewski seconded. Motion carried

4-0

4 Amending Section 66-904(8) of the Stoughton Municipal Code – Stormwater Basin Aesthetics:

Director Scheel presented a new version of verbiage that was brought up at last month's meeting as well as a new exhibit to show what the difference would look like

Motion by Majewski to move to Council for a first reading with new exhibit and verbiage, seconded by Venegas. Motion carried 4-0

New Business:

5) R- -2023 – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Grant:

Director Scheel advised that they have identified a stormwater planning grant that will assist the City with several planning initiatives and they will provide up to 50% funding up to \$85,000. He then presented each item that would need to be met in order to obtain this grant. If obtained, the 2024 Stormwater Utility funds would be used for the City portion since the study work would begin in 2024.

Motion by Majewski to approve the resolution, seconded by Venegas. Motion carried 4-0

7) Repealing and Recreating Sections 10-122 through 10-135 of the Stoughton Municipal Code Chapter 10- Relation to Erosion Control and Storm water Management:

Director Scheel advised that the County has standards within Cities and Villages that need to be met and they have recently updated their ordinance that took effect November of 2022. The proposed revisions are intended to align with County regulations. He then presented the revisions made to the ordinance.

Motion by Ligocki to move forward with the new revised resolution, seconded by Rashka. Motion carried 4-0

Future Agenda Items:

8) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Venegas, seconded by Ligocki to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm pm. Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted by Jen Wagner 3/17/2023