Public Works Committee
Thursday, July 18, 2019 @ (following Joint Meeting w/ Stoughton Utilities)
Public Safety Building, 321 S Fourth St

Members Present: Alderpersons Lisa Reeves, Tom Majewski, Matt Bartlett and Mayor Swadley

Absent/Excused: Alderperson Sid Boersma

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

Guests: Emily Barr – Stoughton resident, Alderperson Phil Caravello, and Nate Austin -John's Disposal Service

Call to Order: *Bartlett* called the meeting to order @ 7:35

1) **Communications:** *Hebert* reported:

- Boardwalk has been installed behind the Disc Golf Course with help from Cummins employees and a $15,000 grant. This project has been in progress for two years. Benches (made from wood from city tress removed) will be installed

Old Business:

2) **Discussion and Possible Action to Increase the Standard Minimum Right-of-Way Width:**

Tabled.

New Business:

3) **Approve June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Majewski seconded by Reeves to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0. (with Mayor voting yes)**

4) **John's Disposal Presentation:** John's Disposal notified Director Hebert of a proposed increase in 2020 for the city's recycling costs of 9.9 % from $3.65 to $4.55 per residence due to plummeting recycle values.

Nate Austin from Johns spoke to the committee regarding the effect of China not taking the United States' materials anymore which in essence is hurting all companies that do this type of work. The once a month bulk pick up, in some cases, is being abused by residents placing a whole park row filled with junk which the collection was never meant to cover.

John's will also be introducing a call-in bulk collection, which will have the residents calling in for pick up (at no additional cost) instead of waiting for the once a month date but also limiting the amounts that can be placed to the curb at one time. John's will assist in notifying customers at the beginning of the year to make the adjustment to the revised bulk collection process.

The downtown cans will go from a once a week to a twice a week pick up.

Committee stated would support the increase.

5) **Discussion and Approval of Design Elements for Glacier Moraine Drive:** *Scheel* gave a brief update. The road will be 40ft wide, with no sidewalks to the north and a 10-foot asphalt shared-path on the south side. The shared-use path will start on Williams Drive north of the one remaining Town residential property on the east side of Williams Drive. The share-use path will also run on the west side of Progress Lane.

In the southeast corner of the City lands there will be a regional storm water management pond. This project area has significant depths of topsoil that will need to be spread across the

parcels of land the City will be marketing. It is not possible to predict how each site may develop but the street project does not include the expense of hauling this material offsite

The project is currently out to bid and bids are due on July 31, 2019.

Motion by Reeves, seconded by Majewski to approve the design elements for Glacier Moraine Dr. Motion carried 4-0. (With Mayor Swadley voting yes)

6) **Discussion and Approval of Change to Ordinance 10-35 – Electrical Permits:** *Scheel* stated that state regulations had changed and changes to the ordinance will reflect the State changes.

Motion by Majewski, seconded by Reeves to recommend to the Common council to approve changes to Ordinance 10-35 – Electrical Permits. Motion carried 4-0 (with Mayor Swadley voting yes)

7) **2020 Downtown Rehabilitation Project:** *Scheel* stated to the committee that the city has an opportunity to use remaining TIF money for Main St in the downtown area (Page to approximately Fifth St) which could be used for infrastructure maintenance. However, this money must be spent in 2020.

Currently Scheel is evaluating the following items and would recommend the project be completed without special assessments to property owners (except Forrest St which has an unusual circumstance). The Downtown District is a focal point and should be maintained at a higher standard. Also stated was that the DOT project for USH 51 from Page to Hoel is scheduled in 2020 and will reduce traffic downtown enabling the work to be completed easier.

- Street crosswalk reconstruction – The concrete is failing at several locations
- Sidewalk sections that are cracked, have sunk or risen, are decayed, etc. We are evaluating a number of treatments for these areas such as replacement, concrete raising, and concrete grinding. – **The Committee is supportive of the use of alternative treatments instead of removal in some circumstances**.
- Accessible ramps at crossings – Depending on work to be performed at these crossings, we may have the opportunity to improve some of the ramps.
- Consider replacing some of the colored concrete with standard concrete. In some cases, the product will last longer when sections are sized and configured differently.
- Evaluate tree grates and potential changes.
- Reconstruction of Forrest Street from Main Street to Washington Street.

8) **Jefferson St Bridge – Date for Public Involvement and Distribution of Notice:** After a short discussion it was decided that the meeting would be held on:

Date - Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Time - 6:00 PM at

Location - the Fire Station (if available)

This meeting will be advertised in the Hub, a sign at the bridge, on city website and possibly social media

9) **Future Agenda Items:**

Moved by Majewski seconded by Reeves to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried 3-0. Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl Administrative Assistant –. 7/22/19