

**Public Works Committee**  
**Tuesday February 20, 2018 @ 4:30 PM**  
**Fire Station Training Room, 401 E Main St**

**Members Present:** Alderpersons Pat O'Connor, Michael Engelberger, Greg Jenson and Sid Boersma

**Absent/Excused:**

**Staff:** Mayor Olson, Public Works Director Brett Hebert and Vickie Erdahl

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:** *Jenson* called the meeting to order

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

- Some flooding in town with Monday's 1 ½ inches of rain, plus today's rain and the frost in the ground is between 2-4 feet. Sand bags are available at the Street Department. The river is high and has been opened more in increments to let the water flow but also mindful of the residents /cities downstream.
- The colored crosswalks project has been put on hold until 2020 when Hwy 51 construction is scheduled.
- Hebert is in the process of CIP planning for next year and a five year plan.
- Paradise Pond residents were notified that pumping will start on Wednesday after the swales drain in order to hold the water.

2) **Reports:** *Erdahl* stated street openings permits were average for January. Stoughton Utilities had numerous water main breaks.

**Old Business:**

3) **Public Works Facility Update:** *Hebert* stated that the building has been approved by the council. There is a 30 day waiting period to see if it will be put to a referendum. The contracts are being prepared with April 1<sup>st</sup> being the ground breaking and completed (if no issues) by November or December of 2018.

The city still owns the property and at this times there are no funds set aside for demolition. There has been interest in the power house building.

4) **2018 Road Construction Project Plans – Kristi Ln, Vernon St and Gjertson St; Report on communications following the last Public Works meeting:** *Hebert* reported that *Scheel* had reached out to the property owners who requested a meeting to find alternative solutions, if possible, to the street reconstruction issues.

1) Gjertson St (925 Hamilton St) – Arborvitaes will be trimmed and preserved. The sidewalk will be six feet behind the curb and the homeowner is aware that there will be snow issues when the street is plowed and will clean the sidewalk.

2) Kristi Ln (1233 Vernon St) – Terrace width on Kristi will be reduced to 51/2 feet to match the terrace on Vernon which will preserve the trees and after his property the terrace width will be increased.

3) Vernon St (227 S Academy St) – The homeowner prefers to retain the originally proposed terrace and they are considering additional private work to change their stairs and retaining wall. *Scheel* proposed salvaging the materials to help with costs. However, *Scheel*

recommends the plans include a standard modular block wall until a decision is made and continue with the sidewalk as indicated.

4) Vernon St (225 S Henry) – This property currently has retaining walls on both streets. The walls and sidewalks will be staked to give the owners a visual idea of what it will look like. The road will be lower than the existing driveway so this alleviates the concern with flooding on their property.

*Scheel* will be meeting with the homeowners when they return in March to discuss all the questions they have concerning the retaining walls – i.e. some other options than retaining walls, matching into the current bricks on the walls and proper drainage.

The changes that have been suggested on the projects, if done, will not affect the properties ability to be in compliance with the cities policies or ordinances for street reconstruction.

Bids are currently out for these projects. There will be some trees protected and other trees will be removed and replaced.

*Boersma* wanted to extend a thank you to *Scheel* for taking the extra time to meet with these homeowners as *Boersma* received very positive feedback.

#### **New Business:**

5) **Approve January 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Boersma to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0. (Mayor voted yes)

6) **Future Agenda Items:** PW Facility Update , 2018 Street Reconstruction

**Moved by O'Connor seconded by Boersma to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm. Motion carried 4-0.** Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl Administrative Assistant – 2/21/18.