

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2023

Present: Mark Lyon, Josh Collister, Dan Holm.

Others Present: Mayor Messerli, Judy Carr, Brad Koranda, Frank Ellenz.

Chairperson Lyon opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving the agenda. All Ayes

Motion by Collister, seconded by Holm approving minutes from October 9, 2023. All Ayes

### **Public Participation**

There were no audience comments.

### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Changes**

Carr stated this is on the agenda for information purposes since the City Manager has authority to approve change orders under \$10,000. This relates to a 30" pipe to reroute along west side of sewer plant to save several trees. The cost will be between \$5000 and \$7000.

Carr responded WHKS is working on the next change order related to items already discussed and costs related to winter concrete pouring.

### **South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & W Platt Street Parking Lot Update**

Ellenz stated the work has been completed, charging spaces have been repainted. He is willing to coordinate something between Dittmer and the businesses to obtain a larger dumpster and to establish a fence as long as Dittmer will have access to empty the dumpster. This may take up a few more parking spaces depending on the size of the dumpster and location.

Lyon stated the street sweeper made a nice difference to the parking lot after it went through. He would like to see the street sweeper come through every few months.

Ellenz stated Public Works could do that.

### **North Main Street Bike Lane Paint**

Ellenz stated because of the City's fog seal on North Main Street, the paint markings on the bike lane are gone, but they will be replaced as soon as there is a break in the weather.

### **508 Quarry Street Structure Follow Up**

This property was a concern by the public due to the structural integrity of the building. Engineers from WHKS were hired to determine if an emergency abatement order was necessary. The result of the study from WHKS was that it was not an emergency, but they did make recommendations to the City regarding the property. The owner needed to add structural wall supports and fence protection around the property with trespass warning signage.

Koranda reported he will take a look behind the building to see if anything needs done.

### **South Main Street Crack Filling Update**

Ellenz stated this project is complete. There are some issues on the curb lip and Public Works will take care of those.

Lyon inquired if a mill and fill wouldn't have been a better option.

Ellenz replied that it was already on the crack-filling list prior to being on the WHKS big list of streets being done.

### **Main Street Streetscape Cleaning Goals**

Lyon stated this doesn't look very nice after the winter sand and salt are all over it.

Ellenz replied Public Works has a power washer that could be used to clean it and the planters in the spring.

### **Preliminary 2024 Street Improvement Plan Specifications**

Ellenz stated the current project costs are up to \$364,000 and are over the CIP budget. He added that he used \$25. Per square foot. The listing is just a preliminary list using WHKS list plus a few more that were added to it. Ellenz stated he would like to do curb lip crack filling to prevent weeds. The cost of this is over budget but hopes to get grants to cover this cost. Ellenz stated that Friction Sealing costs were not included in the figures that are listed.

Holm inquired about East Grove Street.

Ellenz replied that East Grove from Main to Dearborn is on the WHKS list already.

It was noted the City is waiting to see if the IDOT grant applications for street improvements will be awarded. The expected notification date is December 2023. If the City is not awarded these grants, a recommendation from the Public Works Committee will be necessary to begin competitive bidding for improvements at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Other Business**

Lyon stated it looks as though the Platt Street punch list of items is being accomplished.

Ellenz stated Tchiggfrie has been doing their part and the electricians hired to do the push buttons on the crossing are being done as well.

Lyon inquired if the wooden gable structure in the green space was still going to be moved.

Ellenz stated yes, he hopes to move it on Tuesday with the help of two MMEU trucks and they will lift it up and place it on a flatbed trailer then haul it down to the new location. The flatbed will drive over top the concrete slab, the MMEU trucks will lift it up, the flatbed will drive off, and they will set it back down on the slab.

Collister inquired of the cost of concrete to put it on.

Ellenz replied the concrete was between \$600 and \$700.

Lyon stated he was informed of three streetlights that were out. He drove around and discovered there were actually five that were not working.

Ellenz stated he would take that list to MMEU and have them replaced.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Lyon to adjourn at 3:23 pm.

All Ayes

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Mark Lyon, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Teresa Lindstrom, Utility Billing Clerk