



Public Works Committee
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Cravath Conference Room
Municipal Building - 2nd Floor
312 W Whitewater St
Whitewater, WI 53190

MINUTES

1. Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, Cravath Conference Room, 2nd floor.

Present: Allen, McCormick, Gerber
Others: Brad Marquardt

2. Approval of minutes from January 10, 2023

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023, meeting was made by Allen and seconded by Gerber.

AYES: All via voice vote (3) NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

3. Hearing of Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments at that time.

4. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the installation of a street light near 210 Green Street on an existing WE Energies pole.

Marquardt indicated a request was received from the residents at 210 Green Street along with nearby residents for the installation of a street light near 210 Green Street. Other residents signing the request live at 239 E. Milwaukee Street, 305 E. Milwaukee Street, 555 Clay Street, 121 Green Street, and 224 Green Street. Marquardt stated when looking at the diagram provided, there does seem to be a gap on the north end of Green Street. There are currently two existing street lights on Green Street and one at the intersection of Clay and one at the intersection of Milwaukee. Marquardt stated he did not reach out to We-Energies yet, but based on past experience the cost of the installed fixture would be \$150 with an ongoing monthly charge of \$12.73 per month.

Based on this information, staff recommends the installation of a street light at the proposed location at 210 Green Street, if acceptable to WE Energies. If the light cannot be installed at this location due to the transformer on the pole, staff does not recommend an installation at a different location.

Gerber made a motion to install a street light at 210 Green Street providing We-Energies has no issue installing the light with the transformer on the pole, and seconded by Allen.

ABSTAIN: McCormick. AYES: Gerber, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT:

b. Discussion and Possible Action awarding the Southwest Water Main Extension, Contract 1-2023 to the qualified low bidder.

The Southwest Water Main Extension Project was advertised for bids on January 26, and February 2, 2023. The project consists of extending the water main from the dead-end water main by the new water tower, east along the Highway 12 right of way, to another dead-end water main just west of the railroad tracks adjacent to Highway 59. The bid opening was at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 14, 2023, and there was great participation. All seven qualified contractors submitted a bid. Marquardt stated the City did have an alternative bid on this project. The base bid was to install the water main with ductile iron. Because of past issues with Main Street last year where ductile iron was very hard to get and the cost was quite high, the City decided to include an alternative for PVC pipe. The base low bid (for ductile iron) was from Forest Landscape and Construction for \$451,700.00. The lowest bid for PVC appeared to be \$407,160 from Forest Landscape and Construction. However, some of the contractors did not do the alternative bid the correct way. Marquardt stated the City would like to go with ductile iron.

Marquardt noted the looping of the two dead-end water mains will help with consistent pressure, water quality and resilience in case of a water main break.

Dave Stone, 303 Ann St., asked if the City goes with the ductile iron is there a way to make it last longer? Marquardt stated soil samples were taken. They did not get any indication of corrosive soils in that area. In areas where there are corrosive soils, they do put a bag around the pipe.

Marquardt stated \$575,000 was included in the budget with \$520,000 coming from TID 13 and the remaining \$55,000 from water revenue bonds.

McCormick made a motion to award the Southwest Water Main Extension Contract 1-2023 to Forest Landscape and Construction for \$451,700.00 and seconded by Gerber.

AYES: Gerber, Allen, McCormick. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

c. Discussion and Possible Action regarding an easement to WE Energies for the installation of electrical facilities at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

WE Energies is requesting a 12-foot wide easement at the Wastewater Facility to extend underground facilities to the site of Walworth's County communication tower. The easement would follow the north/south portion of the driveway serving the Wastewater Facility. Marquardt stated there is no cost to the easement.

The attached easement includes a Temporary Exhibit A. The official Exhibit A will be prepared by a surveyor based on the exact location after the underground facilities are installed.

McCormick made a motion to approve the easement to WE Energies for the installation of electrical facilities at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and seconded by Gerber.

AYES: Allen, McCormick, Gerber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

d. Discussion and Possible Action regarding changes to downtown business employee permit parking. Marquardt stated that a downtown business owner recently inquired about being able to park for extended periods of time in front of his business instead of having to park in the designated areas for downtown employee permit holders.

Currently, employees who work in the downtown can purchase a permit which allows them to park longer than the 2-hour maximum in certain designated areas as indicated within the attached On-Street Brochure. These permits are intended to provide convenient parking options while preserving prime parking for

customers and visitors to the downtown. Marquardt thought it would be a good idea to have this information reviewed at a committee level.

Allen commented that if an owner wanted to load or unload in front of their business they could put their flashers on and wouldn't get a ticket. He feels it wouldn't take two hours to unload. He stated, typically business owners always park in the back of their parking, or away from their building, to save the front for their customers. And we as the City provide customer parking, not business or employee parking. Allen said he would not be in favor of allowing this. McCormick stated she agreed with Allen. We have to be very selfish about the very sparse parking area the City has, at this time, in the downtown area. McCormick also stated she was told that some business owners are violating the permit parking on Second St. She didn't think the CSOs would be responsible for enforcement of parking permits. She stated they are there all day with no parking permit, which is rightfully taking up a parking spot that they do not own. She just wanted to share the information that was told to her by a business owner. The business owner is very upset because they spend the money to have the permit. Marquardt stated he would make mention of the issue to the correct people.

McCormick made a motion that there be no changes to the downtown business employee permit parking request and seconded by Allen.

AYES: All via voice vote (3). NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

5. Future Agenda Items

There were no agenda items at that time.

6. Adjournment

McCormick moved to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting at 6:17 p.m. and seconded by Gerber.

AYES: All via voice vote (3). NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Stoll, Administrative Assistant
Department of Public Works