

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Jim Webber, Paul Deziel, Sarah Atkins Hoggatt

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Mroz

Meeting was called to order by Webber. 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MOTION BY Atkins Hoggatt, second by Deziel to recommend approval of the November 27, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW THE 2019 VINE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLANS Mroz presented the preliminary plans for the Vine Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Wisconsin Street. He noted the engineer's recommendations to expand the intersection at Vine and Wisconsin Street include the relocation of the east and south medians and a bike lane to connect to the existing Wisconsin Street. Mroz added that the intersection improvement design will also allow for future traffic signals for this intersection.

The overall Committee recommended Mroz to meet with school representatives to discuss the improvements to lessen congestion and reduce vehicle/pedestrian conflicts. Further discussion continued on the pedestrian crossings and whether to eliminate the crosswalk at the westerly entrance to the school Mroz added a push button activated crossing light is proposed at 12<sup>th</sup> and Vine Street.

Mroz stated engineers plan to present the final plans at the February 25, 2019 Council meeting and to get authorization to proceed with the ad for bids with an award of contract in early April.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE HIGHWAY 35 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS Mroz stated approximately 29% of the sidewalks along Highway 35 between Vine Street and the underpass are scheduled for replacement as part of the water and sewer lateral improvements in 2021.

Mroz added that city engineers, SEH, are working with WI DOT on the design for the project, including other enhancements with lighting, parking, pedestrian crossings, etc. They are suggesting the city consider the replacement of the sidewalks from Vine Street to the railroad underpass. He added that this item could be included as an alternate bid item and is estimated to cost \$218,600.

Mroz named some of the pros of the sidewalk replacements being added. He mentioned the overall aesthetics of the project, less heaving and settling at the connections of the old and new sidewalk joints and also a much higher replacement costs in the future. The cons included the cost, funding and the useful life of the existing walks.

Mroz mentioned funding options that include the request for the funds as part of the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan for the replacement of sidewalks. He added that currently the city's assessment policy states the abutting residential properties be assessed at 50% for the improvement.

The overall Committee agreed that aesthetically the replacements would enhance this area and provide a safe, consistent stretch of sidewalks. It was recommended the entire length of sidewalks replacements between Vine Street and the underpass be included in the feasibility report and as an alternate bid item.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON POST CONSTRUCTION POND

MANAGEMENT Mroz stated a contractor was hired to perform brush cutting on Pond #5 that is scheduled to begin in January. He stated the pond is located off Heggen Street and Crestview Drive.

Mroz stated notices were sent to adjacent properties informing them of the proposed work that included the removal of all trees and brush adjacent to and in the pond. He stated some feedback was received concerning the lack of information being passed on to the tenants who lease space next to the storm facility. It was suggested the notices also include a recommendation to the property owners to notify tenants.

Further discussion of the city's MS4 permit requirements for pond maintenance continued. Mroz stated he contacted the WI DNR and plans to include informational materials and a link to the city's stormwater web page on future pond maintenance mailings.

UPDATE: HUDSON URBAN FORESTRY Mroz stated the Heritage Green Development has a dense population of Ash trees (89) with a tree diameter of 20 inches or less. He provided an overall map of the area that identifies the location of the ash trees. Included was a draft letter that will be mailed out to residents informing them of the proposed plan for the removal and replanting.

Mroz stated at the recent Hudson Urban Forestry Board meeting the Board discussed the overall city's EAB Management plan. They recommend splitting the removals for the Heritage Green Development into a three year phase, beginning in 2019. Noted a majority of the removals will be done by Public Works staff and includes plans is to replant different tree species to promote tree diversity. Mroz stated the removals must take place prior to April with plantings done in early to mid fall.

PROJECT UPDATE Mroz updated the Committee on the following projects:

- Vine Street Improvement project is expected to be awarded in early April.
- 2018 Street Maintenance will be scheduled
- 2019 Street Maintenance is in the planning stages. Contingent on funding the following areas will be considered for seal coating. Red Cedar Canyon, Coulee Road (1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street) Hudson Meadows, Lighthouse and Heritage Greens.
- 2019 Sidewalk Replacement program will include replacements and various sections of curb and gutter.
- Heggen Street Trail will be bid out as an alternate of the Vine Street project. It is anticipated a better cost for a larger project.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS The Committee discussed future meeting dates and times. Dates will be determined and set up in the calendar.

MOTION by Atkins Hoggatt, second by Deziel to adjourn. 6:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews  
Secretary