

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Matt Quade, Dave Peschong, Neil Herzberg, and Keith Hemmesch. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.

VOC TREATMENT PLANT

DeWolf reported that construction has started with the footings and the tying into the raw water line. The item of most concern is the stripping tower that has been ordered and scheduled to be here in early January. Also noted was the 55 feet of county right of way that the City is proposing to purchase from Stearns County. Staff has requested the cost be covered by the grant.

2016 PROJECT

DeWolf reported that the paving is complete; although several areas on Minnie St. have failed due to the heavy rains. These areas will be patched this fall. The area by the bridge was questioned as to why there is no curb and gutter all the way to the bridge. The slopes are too steep on the back side; there would be no support to hold the curb section.

2017 PROJECT

The City Council held the public hearing and Main St. from Business 23 to Hwy. 23 was removed from the project due to concerns about growth, needing to widen the road, and additional utility work (for example: sprinkler system for a building).

On Oak Park Ave. a resident did ask that the curb and gutter not be installed and other residents questioned why the City is overlaying the proposed streets when they look like they are in good condition. It was noted that curb and gutter serves the purpose of drainage and protecting the road from deterioration.

IRRIGATION AGREEMENTS

The necessary information will be presented at the December meeting.

INFORMATIONAL

The bridge inspection report from Stearns County was reviewed noting no deficiencies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.