

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Keith Hemmesch at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Neil Herzberg, Dave Peschong, Matt Quade, and Jim Freilinger. 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 January 14, 2019 Public Works Board meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

STEARNS COUNTY SEAL COAT BUSINESS 23

Stearns County plans to seal coat Business 23 (driving lanes and center lane only). If the City wants the shoulders or parking lanes seal coated the City would have to pay the cost for such. Members discussed the condition of the shoulders noting they are in good condition. It was mentioned that this is not the City's road and members were not in agreement with the County's policy.

Motion was made by Freilinger to not participate in the seal coating of the shoulders and to inform Stearns County that the City is not in agreement with their policy. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

WATER CONSERVATION

It was reported that the DNR is pushing communities to adopt conservation plans that include measures; for example, toilet retrofits, low flow shower heads, rain barrels, and updating water softeners, etc. Members agreed promoting these items is a good plan; however, the members would not support the City financially contributing to the replacement of such items. It was suggested to develop a promotional/informational packet to be advertised in the newsletters, on the web site, etc.

COLD WEATHER REPORT

Members were informed that the City is on the interruptible rate with Xcel Energy and on the negative 30 degree day the City was requested to start its generators. The generator at the aeration basin would not start due to low fuel temp. The generator at the water plant started, but shut down due to low oil, because the breather froze up and blew the oil out the dip stick. As a result of the generators not working, the City may be fined. Members commented that this would be the first time in 25 years that the City could not curtail its power usage and that these extreme temperatures may not happen again for another 20 years.

2019 STREET & STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROJECT

DeWolf presented the plans; highlighting all the areas that are included in the project and the schedule for bidding. Bids are scheduled to be opened on March 20, 2019. It was reported that the City will not need the mobile home park property for the pond. The size of the pond

was questioned. DeWolf responded that previously it was based on an estimate and now staff is basing the pond size of an actual design.

It was also questioned as to the freezing up of service lines. It was reported that the minimum bury depth is 8.5 ft.; however, years back it was 6.5 ft.

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

AMPI EXPANSION PROJECT

DeWolf presented the plans for the AMPI project and reviewed the gravity line from AMPI to the proposed lift station on the former Credit Union parking lot; then the force main out to the aeration basin. A Pretreatment building will also be constructed to handle AMPI waste separately. It was noted that this is really setting AMPI up for a phase two where the City would add a clarifier and handle bio solids. Phase two will allow AMPI to double their organic loading.

Motion was made by Herzberg to approve the plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried (Quade abstained).

FUTURE SHOP

No update at this time.

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

No update at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.