

# ***Board of Public Works***

## **Minutes**

### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**

**March 10, 2000**

**New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers, 3805 S. Casper Drive**

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor James Gatzke, City Engineer Jeff Chase, Alderman Patzer and Alderman Chiovaturo

Excused: Alderman Wysocki

Staff present: Division Engineer JP Walker, Division Engineer Larry Wilms, Civil Engineer Mark Handzlik, Director of Community Development Steve Hoese, Director of Streets Park & Rec. Paul Leuthold and Streets Superintendent Lee Ystad.

#### **ITEM 01-00 Approval of Minutes**

**January 12, 2000**

**February 22, 2000 (Special Board of Public Works)**

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to approve all minutes. Second by Alderman Chiovaturo. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 42-99 Johnson/Greenfield Avenue Sanitary Sewer**

Consensus of Board to have a Special Board of Public Works meeting on March 28, 2000 at 6:15 p.m. on this issue.

#### **ITEM 48-99 Vehicle Fleet**

Consensus of Board to have a Special Board of Public Works meeting on March 28, 2000 at 6:15 p.m. for this issue.

#### **ITEM 24-99 Communication from Clifford Gendron**

Consensus from the Board to keep the issue on the agenda until the next Board of Public Works meeting.

## **ITEM 11-00 Reject Bids for Priority Basin**

### **Manhole Rehabilitation Project**

Jeff expressed that the City received and reviewed all bids to do the Priority Basin Manhole rehabilitation project.

Larry Wilms gave a brief explanation as to why the City should reject the bids for this project and stated that staff believes it would be more cost efficient to modify the construction documents and re-advertise.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to Common Council to reject all bids for Project #99-04-831.04 (K-333), to restructure the project scope of work in the best interest of the City, and to rebid the revised project in a timely manner.**

## **ITEM 12-00 City Hall Sign**

Paul Leuthold said the main concern pertaining to the sign is location. Safety Commission found this to be a hazard to pedestrians and would like to move the sign back.

City Engineer Jeff Chase stated that while he believes the current location of the sign is not ideal, it does not present a significant hazard. Due to the low pedestrian use of the sidewalk and the relatively low use of the driveway, the current location should be adequate to serve all motorists observing the rules of the Motor Vehicle Code.

Alderman Chiovatero also stated he has no major concern with the location of the City Hall Sign.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to not remove the sign and direct the Director of Streets, Parks & Recreation to make sure the vegetation around the perimeter is taken care of and maximize the current sight lines. Second by Alderman Chiovatero. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

## **ITEM 14-00 Calhoun Creek Flood Plain Study**

### **Award of Contract**

Brief explanation by JP Walker regarding the above named project. This issue consists of trying to find land that is saleable and created by floodplain mitigation with regulatory agencies approval for the area south of Beloit Road, west of Moorland Road and north of I-43 in the Westridge TIF District.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to Common Council to approve the award for an engineering contract to Ruekert & Mielke for the Calhoun Creek Floodplain Reclamation Study and submittal of a LOMR to the Federal Emergency Management Agency not to exceed \$38,000. Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

## **ITEM 15-00 Mailbox Claim**

Paul Leuthold explained that there was a policy developed in 1991 for claims made by homeowners regarding mailboxes being knocked down by snowplow trucks and getting

reimbursed.

Lee expressed his support for the current policy and his concern about having to repair or replace the more elaborate mailboxes being used.

City Engineer stated he is not comfortable changing any part of the policy. Stated the policy has worked well since it was established. Many of the more elaborate mailboxes constitute hazardous obstructions and changing the policy would not only increase the cost of snow removal operations, it may also encourage structures that are hazardous.

There was mention by Mayor Gatzke as to changing the reimbursement amount from \$25 to \$50 in item 2C.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to recommend to send Mr. Wenzel a check in the amount of \$25 with a letter explaining that we have referred our mailbox policy back to the Board of Public Works for discussion as to whether or not \$25 is an adequate amount and if the amount were to be increased, we would send them another check for the difference. Second by Alderman Chiovaturo.**

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to refer the policy back to Board of Public Works for discussion as to if \$25 is an adequate amount to accommodate damaged mailboxes. Second by Alderman Chiovaturo. Upon voting, all motions pass unanimously.**

#### **ITEM 38-99 Westridge/TIF Projects**

JP updated the Board members regarding the seven Westridge projects approved by the Common Council. A written status report was included in the meeting materials.

#### **ITEM 7-00 Capital Improvement Projects**

A table of the projects was handed out to the members and Jeff Chase explained where each of the CIP items stand dating all the way back to 1996.

#### **ITEM 13-00 Communication on Sunny Slope Projects**

##### **Letter from New Berlin Public School District Office**

Alderman Patzer expressed his appreciation for the work that was completed in a timely and professional manner. He thanked the engineering staff for their dedication and hardwork.

**Motion by Mayor Gatzke to adjourn. Second by Jeff Chase. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.**

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