

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2011 – 4:30-5:15 PM  
CITY HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mark Pelletier, Sherrie Belliveau, Tom Gleason and Joe Salzer.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sonny Paszak.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Johns, Public Works Director Randy Knuth, Pat LaPorte, Sally Latimer, and Kyle Rogers of the Northwoods River News.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark Pelletier called the meeting to order. The media was notified, the agenda posted, and a quorum present to do business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2011 MINUTES. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve/disapprove banner placement on Downtown Historic Street Light Poles

Randy Knuth noted that this was first brought to the Committee in November. Downtown Rhinelander, Inc. would like to place banners on the historic street light poles. The banners are 18" x 27"; in comparison, a common speed limit sign is 24" x 30", so the banners would probably have a minimal impact. Sherrie stated that when this was discussed previously, there was some concern about the integrity of the poles. Randy advised that he had his mechanic do a sampling of the poles; only one was rusted badly, and the rest were either in good shape or had very little rust. Randy noted that the manufacturer guarantees the poles for 25 years. The Davenport Street bridge lights were done in 1994, the Stevens Street lights were installed in 1996, and the lights on Brown and Davenport were installed in 2000. Sherrie noted that Randy had some misgivings about this back in November. Randy stated that he can't say he's smarter than the manufacturer, but he just has a gut feeling that any kind of wind resistance could possibly hurt the poles. He noted that City Administrator Bill Bell is very committed to having this done. The Mayor stated that the poles aren't as good as they look; Randy noted that they are very thin gauge, and the anchor bolts are only 3/8".

The Mayor asked if the banners would be up year-round. Pat LaPorte stated that they're flexible, and will do whatever works best for the City. Sally Latimer stated that the flower baskets are larger and much heavier than the banners. Pat stated they would like to start with 46 banners along Davenport and Brown Streets. She stated that there have been studies done that indicate the traffic is out on Lincoln Street, so they would like to use the banners as a way of leading people into the downtown area. Pat stated that they want to start with the downtown area so the banners help identify the downtown district; eventually, they would like to come down to Courtney and connect into the first 46. She noted that they would also like to go down Lincoln; those poles are owned by WPS, and they've already given permission.

**MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE BANNER PLACEMENT ON DOWNTOWN HISTORIC STREET LIGHT POLES. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Public Works Director Randy Knuth presented his Monthly Activity Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve/disapprove installing a fence along Barnes St. Sidewalk next to Pioneer Park drainage ditch

Randy stated that next to the sidewalk is a pretty severe slope, and we have rip rap, concrete culverts and the river. He feels this is a hazard and someone could get seriously injured. Randy is recommending a 4' chain link fence. He received two quotes - American Fence for \$2,295.00, and Security Fence for \$1,372. Randy also went to Home Depot and priced the materials to estimate the cost for his crews to do the work; it's actually very simple to install, and the materials would cost about \$765 for 200 feet of fencing.

**MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 200' OF CHAIN LINK FENCE ALONG BARNES STREET SIDEWALK NEXT TO PIONEER PARK DRAINAGE DITCH AT A COST OF \$765. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.**

MATTERS OF EMERGENCY/INFORMATIONAL NATURE

Randy advised that he received an email from the DNR regarding recycling grants, which will be cancelled in 2012 or 2013. He stated we will probably get a reduced payment this year, which will impact the recycling budget.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS

**MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,118.74 AND RECOMMEND THEM TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.**

FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS AND MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board of Public Works is set for March 31, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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