

**CITY OF RHINELANDER  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2011 – 4:30-5:20 PM**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Dick Johns, Joe Brauer of Rhinelanders-Oneida County Airport, Kyle Rogers of the Northwoods River News and Todd Schmeiding.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

**Review of Past Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION BY PASZAK, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES DATED JUNE 2, 2011. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Departmental Activity Report**

Public Works Director Randy Knuth presented his monthly activity report.

**Unfinished Business**

**Lincoln Street Update**

Randy reported that he is still waiting for Home Depot to sign the easements. Sherrie asked what is holding things up; Randy stated that the corporate office is in Georgia, and City Attorney Phil Parkinson got an email from corporate saying they were transferring it to an outside attorney to look at it.

Randy is hoping to advertise in the next week or two; we'll then need to wait 21 days, so the earliest possible start date would be mid-August. It will take 27 working days to complete the project. The estimated construction cost is \$459,600, plus \$81,200 for engineering with Strand & Associates, and \$17,200 for MSA oversight. The grant is \$390,500, leaving the City's share at \$167,500. Randy stated that we have to look for reimbursement. Sherrie asked if those figures include the land acquisition; Randy stated that would be an additional \$5,000. The Mayor stated that we are going to have to assess property owners to cover the \$167,500 City share.

Randy stated that we also need to decide on financing the Barnes Street project. We have \$632,500 in federal funds available; the estimate is just under \$802,000, not including \$169,000 for the storm sewers, which were under the contract with Water/Wastewater. Billing is not completed and the project is not done. The Water Department will also be charged \$30,500 due to collapsed sewer. We are unable to submit the bill to DOT for reimbursement, as some things are not yet in place.

### **New Business**

#### **Discuss/approve Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport request to close a portion of River Road near Airport property**

Joe Brauer stated that this area of North River Road presents a safety issue, with people picking up children using the soccer fields. Some people are traveling too fast along that road. Many people walk in this area, and we would like to keep a portion open for walking. Joe noted that Mike Romportl at Oneida County Planning & Zoning recommends renaming this part of the road as part of Airpark Road.

Randy stated that he talked to Mike Romportl and told him that it would be confusing to have the road designated as Airpark. Randy would like the portion going up the hill to be an extension of West Davenport Street, and the rest could be Airpark Road. The County would prefer to have River Road eliminated. Randy noted that we do have minimum requirements for cul de sacs; we could build it bigger since the County and City own both sides of the road. Joe Brauer stated that this would not be an issue at all; it would make sense. We would put something there so traffic couldn't get through and illuminate it; it will always be wide enough for pedestrians.

The Mayor asked about possible snowmobile traffic, and Joe advised the trails don't come that way. Randy stated that we would leave it unplowed in the winter, although we would do Airpark Road. Joe noted that the local fishing club plows down to the boat landing.

Tom Gleason asked about emergency vehicle access; Joe advised that they do have access.

**Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature** – None.

### **Consideration of Bills & Claims**

**MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,541.82 AND RECOMMEND THEM TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

**Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date**

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1. Lincoln Street Update (if needed)

**Meeting Date** - the next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY PASZAK, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 30, 2011 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:20 P.M. ALL AYE; MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Received By \_\_\_\_\_

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