

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 – 4:30-5:30 PM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sonny Paszak.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dick Johns, Public Works Director Randy Knuth, City Administrator Blaine Oborn and Kyle Rogers of the Northwoods River News.

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.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 MEETING MINUTES. 3 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSTENTION (BELLIVEAU), 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE JULY 28, 2011 OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Departmental Activity Report

Public Works Director Randy Knuth presented his monthly activity report.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Discuss/approve 3-year maintenance contract with Gaber Electric for downtown decorative street lights at a cost of \$2,850.00 per year

Randy reported that this is the same agreement we've had in the past; the current contract is expiring 12/31/11. Under the contract, Gaber will replace bulbs, ballasts, igniters and miscellaneous work; accidents, hit & runs and knock-downs are not included. The cost is the same as last time.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE 3-YEAR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH GABER ELECTRIC FOR DOWNTOWN DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTS AT A COST OF \$2,850.00 PER YEAR. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss/approve updating City Shop light fixtures with newer, energy-efficient fixtures

Randy stated that the current light fixtures inside the City Shop are outdated; we won't be able to buy the fluorescent bulbs anymore, as they are being phased out under new federal regulations. We can either replace fixtures one at a time as needed, or replace them all with energy-efficient fixtures. We are looking at projected annual savings of \$1986.00. The installation cost would be \$4,696.00, so we would begin seeing the savings after at 20-month payback period.

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO APPROVE UPDATING CITY SHOP LIGHT FIXTURES WITH NEW ENERGY FIXTURES AT A COST OF \$4,696.00. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss street projects for 2012 and approve any street work from this discussion

Randy distributed his list of possible 2012 street projects, along with cost information from Tim Kingman for water and sewer work needed on Alban, Pelham, King and Evergreen Streets. Randy stated the King Street storm sewers are in good condition, and he'd prefer not to tear them up unless the water & sewer is a priority. Randy recommends doing Eagle/County W (Stevens Street to the City Limits) for \$91,000, and Alban Street (Mason to Thayer) for \$48,800 (City's share after LRIP-MSILT funding). Alban Street is also on Tim Kingman's list for water and sewer main replacement. After budgeting for Alban and Eagle, \$91,200 would be available for other projects, and Randy would like the Committee's suggestions. After discussing several options, the Committee decided to add Carr Street (Lincoln to north dead end) and Barnes Street (Shepard to Newell).

MOTION BY SALZER, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE 2012 STREET PROJECTS AS FOLLOWS: EAGLE/COUNTY W (STEVENS TO CITY CLIMITS), ALBAN STREET (MASON TO THAYER), CARR STREET (LINCOLN TO THE NORTH DEAD END) AND BARNES STREET (SEPARD TO NEWELL). 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss/approve submitting an application for 2012-2013 LRIP-MSILT Program and designate streets to receive the funds

Randy noted that we would be applying these funds to the Alban Street project.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR 2012-2013 LRIP-MSILT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATE ALBAN STREET (MASON TO THAYER) TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature – None.

Consideration of Bills & Claims

MOTION BY PELLETIER, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,545.52 AND RECOMMEND THEM TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date

Future Agenda Requests – None.

Meeting Date - the next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Approved By _____ Received By _____

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