

**CITY OF RHINELANDER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2011 – 4:30-5:00 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, City Clerk/Treasurer Mary Richardson 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.

Review of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY GLEASON, TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES DATED 9/29/11. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Departmental Activity Report

Public Works Director Randy Knuth presented his monthly activity report. He highlighted the Lincoln Street Pathways project, noting that work is done for this year, and painting, seeding and erosion control will be done in the spring. The pedestrian control lights are operational.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Discussion on the Storm Water Utility and approve Request for Proposal to create Storm Water Management Utility Plan

The Committee reviewed the RFP. Blaine stated that the estimated cost is \$30,000 - \$50,000, which would be recouped through the utility if it is ultimately created. Randy stressed that the City has not been funding to the level we need; some of the problems have existed for many years, causing flooding. The Mayor asked if Blaine had an estimate on the impact to residents, and Blaine said the estimate is between \$3 and \$5 per month. Sherrie noted that we previously discussed credits or exemptions for property owners who take steps to mitigate stormwater runoff. Blaine noted that this is included in the RFP for engineering services. The Mayor asked about the downtown

area. Randy noted that currently, roof drains in the downtown area go into the sanitary sewer system and at some point, we will have to install storm sewers. Randy stated that all municipalities over 10,000 are required to have some type of stormwater management plan; he feels we need to be proactive in solving our current problems and having a plan in place for the future. Mark noted that with the current financial situation, which doesn't show signs of improving, this is an important consideration.

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THE ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR STORMWATER UTILITY CREATION. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Matters of Emergency/Informational Nature

Randy noted that the Railroad Commissioner will be here tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to discuss exempting several railroad crossings, and the Pueblo Drive crossing is one that will be discussed. Randy advised that Mike Steffes did mention that he would like to see some type of public notification done if the crossing loses the exemption in the future.

Consideration of Bills & Claims

MOTION BY BELLIVEAU, SECOND BY SALZER, TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290,105.83 AND RECOMMEND THEM TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (SALZER); MOTION CARRIED.

Future Agenda Requests and Meeting Date

Future Agenda Requests – None.

Meeting Date

- Thursday, December 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION BY GLEASON, SECOND BY BELLIVEAU, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 3, 2011 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:05 P.M. 4 AYE, 0 NAY, 1 ABSENT (PASZAK); MOTION CARRIED.

Approved By _____ Received By _____

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