

Minutes of the Board of Public Works (August 20th 2013)

A meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin was held on Tuesday August 20th 2013 at 5:30 PM in Conference Room #2 of City Hall. Chairman Kyle Kozelka called the meeting to order.

1. Call to order/Roll Call

PRESENT – Kyle Kozelka (Chairman), Mark Thein, Karen Solomon, Frank Pintz ABSENT – Mike Jones CITY STAFF ALSO PRESENT – City Administrator Aaron Kramer, Mayor Dave Hemmer, Park and Rec Director Mike Ulrich, Co-Public Works Manager Terry Meyer, Co-Public Works Manager Larry Gates

2. Certification of the open meeting law agenda requirements and approval of the agenda

MOTION: Thein SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 4-0

3. APPROVAL - Minutes of the August 6th 2013 meeting

ACTION: To approve MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Thein VOTE: 4-0

Without objection, the agenda was moved:

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Removal of streets from St. Feriole Island

Staff presented a series of proposed street removals from the Island, which was requested by the Committee in March. Under the proposal, the following streets would be closed, but not vacated: 1) Roulette, from Second Street to Villa Louis Road; 2) Fisher from 2nd Street to Water Street; 3) Fisher from 4th Street to 5th Street; 4) 2nd Street from Fisher to Brisbois; 5) Brisbois from 2nd Street to Villa Louis Road; and 6) 4th Street from Fisher to Bolvin, and the materials from these removed streets would be used to do the following: 1) Expand and improve the existing parking lot located east of the Villa Louis. This will also serve the Northern Engraving site and a possible pet park, which is under consideration for the former radio station site, 2) Create a new parking lot adjacent to the Moore Building (intersection of Fisher and 5th Street), which will serve the Gardens and the Disc Golf Course, and; 3) Improve the road which serves the Mississippi River Sculpture Park (this road, not named, extends north from 4th Street east of the park).

Considerable discussion was held on the proposed closings. Tom Nelson - Staff would recommend that if the Committee wishes to forward to the Council, it be placed on the September 3rd Council agenda. Tom Nelson (St. Feriole Island Gardens) said he would like to see a walking/biking path replace Fisher Street from 4th to 5th if it is removed. Michael Rider (Villa Louis Carriage Classic) questioned how truck traffic would be handled during special events, and requested that 4th Street be kept open. ACTION: To recommend to the Council for its September 3rd meeting that the following streets be removed, but not vacated - 1) Roulette, from Second Street to Villa Louis Road; 2) Fisher from 4th Street to 5th Street, with a bicycle/walking path replacing the street, and; 3) Brisbois from 2nd Street to Villa Louis Road - and that 4th Street from Fisher to Bolvin be closed to through traffic with barriers placed across the entrances to that section of street that could be removed by City staff for special events and other necessary traffic situations, and that the Committee review the issue again in the spring of 2014 MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 4-0

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Water Main Issue with Town of Bridgeport

The City and the Town of Bridgeport (“the Town”) had a discussion last week on the ownership of the water main serving the new Prairie du Chien Hospital. The Town is claiming the portion which will be in the land annexed to the City last year should remain in their possession. In a letter sent to City Attorney Peterson on August 9th, the Town has indicated it will drop its ownerships claims if the City does the following: 1) Agree to an annexation moratorium through 2033, and 2) extend the current water and sewer agreement, which expires in September 2017, to

September 2027. Staff is recommending the City not agree to either stipulation due to the potential long-term negative impact on the City and its future growth. Considerable discussion was held on the Town's letter. ACTION: To respectfully decline the offer from the Town of Bridgeport, and extend an invitation to the Town to begin discussions on the water and sewer agreement MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Kozelka VOTE: 4-0

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Public Works Projects

Staff is proposing two public works projects – 1) grinding the large asphalt heaves on Marquette Road, and 2) removing the concrete islands from the Starks Parking lot downtown. Funds would come from existing budget accounts, and the work would be done later this summer or early fall. ACTION: To approve the projects MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Solomon VOTE: 4-0

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Marquette Road Rail Spur

In light of the recent ruling from the Office of Commissioner of Railroads, staff would recommend the City approve its participation in the improvement of the spur, at an estimated cost of \$11,000. The funds would come from TID #6. Staff recommended a cap on the city's contribution to cover any possible appeal or re-ruling on the issue. ACTION: To recommend the Marquette Railroad spur be improved, with the City's contribution level, coming from TID funds, not to exceed \$15,000 MOTION: Kozelka SECOND: Pintz VOTE: 4-0

8. INFORMATION – Wastewater Treatment Facility Compliance Testing

Staff presented the recent results of the WWTP's Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing, which shows we continue to be discharging high quality effluent from the facility into the Mississippi River watershed. No formal action taken.

9. INFORMATION – Annual Water Supply Inspection

The inspection of August 8th shows that most of the deficiencies identified before have been resolved or are in the process of being resolved. No formal action taken.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – ArmorMax Reinforcement for the Water Reservoir Road

The June flooding caused a large washout along a road that leads to their water reservoirs. The City is looking at options to permanently stabilize this side slope so future problems do not occur. The City would like to do the project themselves, and are looking at options that will not be overly expensive and relatively easy to install given the site conditions. Staff recommended approval of moving ahead with the ArmorMax Reinforcement option at a cost of roughly \$2,900, with funds coming from the existing budget. ACTION: To approve the Armor Max Reinforcement project for the water reservoir road MOTION: Pintz SECOND: Their VOTE: 4-0

10. ADJOURNMENT (6:17 PM)

MOTION: Solomon SECOND: Their VOTE: 4-0

Submitted by City Administrator Aaron Kramer