

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Teresa Pendleton, Jon Monson (enters at 2:20 p.m.), Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, Police Chief Cory Johnson, City Administrator Dana Young

Traffic Monitor Results on Highland Avenue

The Committee reviewed the results of the traffic monitor that was installed on Highland Avenue as a response to Scott McKenzie's complaint last month regarding the speed of vehicles on Highland Avenue, particularly from those vehicles turning off of Co. Rd. 101 onto Highland.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the monitor was installed on Highland Avenue from May 9th – May 18th and recorded that 90% of the traffic traveled at 27 mph or less and that there were on average 385-400 cars on Highland Avenue each day. He stated that this demonstrated that there isn't any evidence of excessive speeding on Highland Avenue.

Paul Skrede noted that this appears to be an instance where there is a perception of speeding rather than actual speeding since most of those few vehicles traveling in excess of the speed limit were occurring very late in the evening, which would not have been observed by Mr. McKenzie.

Further discussion was held on the possibility of acquiring signs that promoted slower speeds that could be posted on or near those residents who felt that traffic speeds were excessive.

Other

Discussion was held on condition of Michael Pilkington's vacant lot at the corner of Lakeview Avenue and Baldwin Avenue. Dana Young stated that the hazardous tree has been taken down and the brush removed. Jerry Hudlow noted that Mr. Pilkington had informed him that he obtained a burning permit from the City and intended to burn the brush. Police Chief Johnson stated that the City does not issue burning permits and does not allow the burning of brush.

Dana Young stated that Tim Olson, 4210 Water Street, has responded to staff's letter requiring him to clean up the outdoor storage of materials on his property.

Dana Young stated that he had received a complaint from Adam Newton, 3592 Northome Road, about the speed of vehicles and has requested the installation of a speed bump. The Committee recommended the installation of the traffic monitor to determine the amount of traffic and vehicle speeds.

Paul Skrede stated that he has a neighbor who is a certified arborist and would be very willing to provide advice to the City on the condition of park trees and in mitigating the future impact of the Emerald Ash Bore.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting on a motion by Dana Young. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Chowen's Corner Lighting System

Dana Young stated that Ed Beiging, Project Coordinator with Xcel Energy, is present to provide several proposals regarding upgrading the street light system at Chowen's Corner. Ed Beiging stated that Xcel Energy could provide several proposals for upgrading the street lighting system at Chowen's Corner.

1. Full repair option. The City could pay Xcel Energy \$48,335.00, which is the full upfront cost for the replacement of the underground wire and street lighting, plus a monthly energy and maintenance fee of \$6.09 for each of the 19 street lights. He stated that the 25-year cost of this option would be \$83,048.00.
2. Leased rate option. The City could pay Xcel Energy \$18,150.00, which is the full upfront cost for the replacement of the underground wire, plus a monthly lease rate of \$16.43 per streetlight. He stated that the 25-year cost of this option would be \$111,801.00. With this option, Xcel would replace the lighting system after the 25-year period at no cost to the City.
3. Customer owned option. The City could hire another contractor to install the wiring, which is estimated at \$47,500.00, and Xcel would charge a monthly energy and maintenance fee of \$3.60 per streetlight. He stated that the 25-year cost this option would be \$68,020.00

Paul Skrede noted that the true additional cost for the City under the leased rate option over a 25-year period would be \$28,753, which is the additional cost of the monthly maintenance fee minus the additional cost of the upfront construction fee.

Further discussion was held on the style and cost of light fixtures. Ed Bieging stated that he would send City staff some information on the style and cost of light fixtures.

Dana Young stated that the City had also received a quote from Frontier Electric to replace the underground wiring for a cost of \$2,500.00 per pole or \$47,500.00.

Jerry Hudlow stated that he has also been meeting with Wright Hennepin Electric Cooperative about obtaining a quote on the replacement of the lighting system. He stated that he expected to receive a quote from the Cooperative in about two weeks. He also noted that one of the representatives from the Cooperative indicated that he felt the light fixtures and bases were in very good condition.

Highcrest Drive Storm Sewer Project

Dana Young stated that he has informed Chris & Jennifer Wilhelm, 4880 Highcrest Drive, that the Committee has recommended that the Wilhelm's make the necessary storm water repairs on their own property. He stated that once the repairs are completed, the Committee would issue a recommendation to the Council on the appropriate amount of the City's contribution towards the improvements. He stated that Chris Wilhelm replied that he would contact the City after obtaining bids.

2010 Capital Projects & Purchases

The Committee reviewed the following list of 2010 Capital Projects & Equipment:

Street

Street Overlay	-	\$120,000
Roller Trailer	-	\$ 8,000

Police

(2) Vehicle Laptops	-	\$ 9,000
(1) Radar Unit	-	\$ 2,700
(3) Portable Radios	-	\$ 10,200

Parks

Village Hall Park:

Ice Rink Boards	-	\$ 5,000
Tennis Court Rebuild	-	\$ 75,000
(2) Picnic Tables	-	\$ 1,500

Thorpe Park:

Dinosaur Playground	-	\$ 20,000
Swingset	-	\$ 1,500
Slide	-	\$ 1,500

Shuck Park:

Resurface Tennis Court	-	\$ 10,000
Playground Equipment	-	\$ 20,000
Sign Replacement	-	\$ 1,700
Swings	-	\$ 3,000
Benches	-	\$ 1,700
Spring Toys	-	\$ 1,500
Basketball Court	-	\$ 1,000
Picnic Table	-	\$ 750

Marina

Carson's Bay Docks	-	\$ 100,000
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Sewer Department

Replace Chevy ½ Ton Truck	-	\$ 30,000
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Thorpe Park Ditch Mowing

Discussion was held on whether there was a need to mow the Thorpe Park ditch to allow better stormwater drainage.

Paul Skrede recommended requesting that the Fire Truck spray water down the ditch to see how well it continued to drain.

Jerry Hudlow stated that the pond is so low that it could use a few loads of water as well.

Organic Waste Recycling

Discussion was held on organic waste recycling.

Other

Discussion was held on the condition of the well house. Paul Skrede recommended that the well house could use a fresh coat of paint.

Motion by Jon Monson to repaint the well house. Seconded by Paul Skrede. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jon Monson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2009.