

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, Police Chief Cory Johnson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Mayor Paul Skrede, Jon Monson

Traffic Monitor Results on Highland Avenue

The Committee reviewed the results of the traffic monitor that was installed at 19175 Highland Avenue as a response to Resa Schmidt's (19150 Highland Avenue) complaint regarding the speed of vehicles and the poor visibility approaching the hill on Highland Avenue.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the monitor was installed at 19175 Highland Avenue from April 28th to May 7th. He stated that the monitor showed that 90% of the traffic traveled at less than 20 mph and that there was an average of approximately 65 cars on Highland Avenue each day.

Resa Schmidt stated that she would recommend the installation of advisory or caution signs indicating a very sharp corner where Parkway turns into Highland. She stated that she is also concerned regarding the hill on Highland, where there is poor visibility in either direction. She stated that she felt there should be the appropriate signage on both sides of the hill.

Chief Johnson agreed that there should be signage at this location and recommended meeting with Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow to determine the best possible location and the appropriate signage.

Jeff Williams (19105 Highland Avenue) stated that he would also like the City to consider installing a four-way stop at the intersection of Parkway and Northome at the Northome Bridge. He stated that there is currently only a three-way stop at this intersection and this has not only caused some confusion at this intersection but also has added to the speeding of vehicles onto Highland.

Chief Johnson stated that he would look at this intersection to see if a four-way stop sign was needed.

Traffic Monitor Results on Vine Street

Chief Johnson stated that he had received a complaint that the speed limit on Highcrest Avenue by Vine Street should be lowered to 25 mph. The Committee reviewed the results of the traffic monitor that was installed on Vine Street.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the monitor was installed on Highcrest Avenue from May 9th to May 17th. He stated that the monitor showed that 90% of the traffic traveled at less than 20 mph and that there was an average of approximately 200 cars on Highcrest each day during the survey period.

He stated that this seemed to demonstrate that there doesn't appear to be any evidence of excessive speeding on this street.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting on a motion by Chief Cory Johnson. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Melanie Keepman Request on Stormwater Runoff / Eagle Scout Project

Melanie Keepman (3915 Walden Road) was present to discuss her concern regarding water runoff across her property and onto Park Avenue. She stated that she estimates that approximately 5-9 acres drain across her property, which eventually drains to Park Avenue causing a variety of runoff problems. She stated that a great deal of this water ends up in a low lying lot across Park Avenue, causing a great deal of erosion.

Jerry Hudlow stated that this low property is a natural drainage way and agreed that it was a problem area. He asked Ms. Keepman if the berm that the Public Works Department installed across her driveway to divert the flow of water was still working well or if the City needed to extend the berm further.

Melanie Keepman stated that she would appreciate it if the berm would be further extended and noted that her family have undertaken quite a few improvements to her property to accommodate the water runoff, including installing drain tiles. However, she noted that the water runoff is still causing substantial erosion through her woods.

Jerry Hudlow suggested having the City Engineer tour the area to see if he has any ideas on how to better control water runoff on Walden Road and Park Avenue.

Further discussion was held regarding potential Eagle Scout projects for Melanie Keepman's son, Matthew. The Committee suggested the following list of potential Eagle Scout projects:

1. Repair of the garbage container at Carson's Bay launch
2. Repair of the portable potty enclosure at Robinson's Bay Beach
3. Repair the fence next to the Police Department entrance
4. Repair the hockey rink boards
5. Install the pathway through Haralson Park.

Tennis Court Improvement Quotes

The Committee reviewed a quote from Tennis West in the amount of \$35,073 to resurface, Armor Crack Seal and repair the three tennis courts at Village Hall.

Motion by Dana Young to recommend that the City Council authorize bids for the resurfacing and Armor Crack Sealing of the Village Hall tennis courts based on the improvements recommended by Tennis West. Seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 3-0.

Siding & Painting Quotes

Jerry Hudlow reported that only one quote has been received on siding Village Hall and he is waiting on additional siding quotes as well as quotes from water softener and well companies on the removal of the rust from the City water lines.

James Hauck Complaint

Dana Young stated that he had received a complaint from James Hauck (4831 Vine Hill Road) regarding the poor condition of the City streets over the course of the winter. Jerry Hudlow acknowledged that it had been a relatively tough winter with some fairly heavy snowfalls and periodic ice conditions. He also noted that the Public Works crew had to widen city streets on numerous occasions due to the significant amounts of snowfall throughout the City, including on Vine Hill Road.

Other

Dana Young stated that he had received a complaint from Councilmember John Wheaton on the placement of the swimming dock at Sandy Beach.

Discussion was held regarding a request from John Goetz to volunteer to assist the Public Works crew on a variety of projects.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by John Menzel, seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.