

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Jon Monson, Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, Police Chief Cory Johnson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

None

Purchase of a Speed Trailer

Chief Johnson stated that the Public Safety Committee has expressed interest the last several months in reviewing the possible purchase of a speed trailer to assist the Department in lowering speeds throughout Deephaven. He stated that for many years the Police Department has responded to complaints about speeding in residential areas by conducting additional patrolling and using the traffic counter to record the speed of vehicles. He stated that the acquisition of a speed trailer would be beneficial in augmenting patrolling efforts throughout the City and could replace the traffic counter.

Chief Johnson presented the following approximate quotes on the purchase of a speed trailer:

Applied Concepts – Stalker	-	\$7,300.00
Kustom Signals	-	\$7,635.00
Decatur Electronics	-	\$8,000.00

Chief Johnson stated that he would recommend the purchase of a speed trailer from Applied Concepts. He stated that this is a no frills model that could be easily transportable around the City and also has the capability of recording the speed and number of vehicles traveling on the road. He stated that he would be very comfortable with the Applied Concepts – Stalker speed trailer as his Department has been using Stalker products for years. He stated that they are an excellent company and offer quality products.

Further discussion was held on the overall dimensions and capability of the Stalker speed trailer. Dana Young added that he could apply for a \$2,500.00 Community Safety Grant from CenterPoint Energy to help in the purchase of the speed trailer.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend the purchase of a speed trailer from Applied Concepts – Stalker in the amount of \$7,300.00. Seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 6-0.

Fleet Safety Program

Dana Young stated that Loss Control Specialists with the LMCIT are strongly encouraging member cities, including Deephaven, to adopt a Fleet Safety Program to help curb future losses due to vehicle accidents. He stated that the proposed Fleet Safety Policy under consideration at this meeting is a template provided by the LMCIT for potential adoption by the City.

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding the proposed Fleet Safety Policy:

- Condense and simplify the proposed policy.
- Review other city's Fleet Safety Policies.
- Edit portions of the proposed policy that are not applicable to the City of Deephaven.

The Committee recommended reviewing the document once again after the revisions have been completed.

Coyote Complaints

Dana Young stated that he has received several complaints regarding coyotes and asked if the Police have received any similar complaints.

Chief Johnson stated that he has also received numerous calls regarding coyotes, except that he wouldn't characterize them as complaints but rather as observations. He stated that he hasn't received any reportable incidents regarding coyotes nor has he received any evidence that they have attacked or killed any pets.

Dana Young asked the Chief to discuss this issue with other cities to see if they have undertaken any specific programs concerning coyotes.

Other

Paul Skrede asked if there have been any problem with traffic visibility at street intersections due to high snow banks.

Jerry Hudlow stated that his crew has already lowered the snow banks at most intersections throughout the City.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0.

Request to Extend Fiber Optic Line to T-Mobile Tower

Amy Dresch was present to present information on the proposed extension of a fiber optic line to T-Mobile's communications tower. She stated that the proposed route for the fiber optic line would be from Hwy. 7 to Vine Hill Road to Cottagewood Road to the entrance of the public works driveway. She stated that more detailed right-of-way information is expected from Zayo.

She stated that the fiber optic line would extend from the right-of-way along Minnetonka Blvd down the non-exclusive utility easement located in the grass boulevard along the public works driveway until it connected to the T-Mobile equipment inside T-Mobile's fence.

Discussion was held on specific requirements for the extension of the fiber optic line. The Committee requested that the fiber optic line should be bored through the easement area rather than trenched due to restoration costs.

Amy Dresch stated that she would make that change on the plan and forward it back to the City with more information regarding project timelines.

Other

2011 Street Overlay Project – Dana Young stated that City Engineer David Martini would like to physically tour Lake Avenue and Monaltrie Avenue with the Public Works Committee members in late March before he begins plans & specs for the 2011 Street Overlay Project.

2011 Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Dana Young stated that City Engineer David Martini recommended that the Public Works Committee conduct a review of plans & specs at their March meeting, advertize for bids in the Construction Bulletin on February 28th and March 7th, open bids on March 16th and award bids on March 21st.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jon Monson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.