

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Jon Monson, Teresa Pendleton, John Menzel, Jeff Kask, Police Chief Cory Johnson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

None

Privacy Fence Quotes

Dana Young presented the following quotes from North Star Fence on the installation of a privacy fence between City Hall and the Police & Public Works parking lot:

6' Chain link fence	-	\$2,160.00
6' Cedar fence	-	\$2,580.00

Dana Young stated that approximately one half of this area already has a chain link fence but it is proposed to be removed by the Public Works crew because of its poor condition. He stated that the crew would also clean up some of the surrounding vegetation prior to the installation of the fence.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of purchasing the material and having a community group or the Public Works crew install the fence.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that the City purchase the fencing material and, in order of preference:

1. Enlist the support of a community organization or an Eagle Scout Project to construct the fence.
2. Have the Public Works crew install the fence.
3. Contract with North Star Fence.

Seconded by Chief Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

Other

Stop sign at Northome Blvd & Deephaven Avenue - Dana Young stated that he had received a call from Chris Alberg regarding several near collisions at the intersection of Northome Blvd & Deephaven Avenue. He stated that Mr. Alberg had witnessed four similar incidents over the last six months, the last incident occurring earlier today, in which the eastbound traffic on Northome Blvd had stopped at the stop sign, assumed that the westbound traffic on Northome Blvd had to stop as well, and started to drive through the intersection and were almost hit when the westbound vehicle continued through the intersection to turn onto Deephaven Avenue. He stated that Mr. Alberg is recommending that the City post a sign under the stop sign that reads "cross traffic does not stop".

Motion by Police Chief Johnson to recommend the installation of a sign stating "cross traffic does not stop" underneath the stop sign at the intersection of Northome Blvd & Deephaven Avenue. Seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 6-0.

Police Chief Johnson noted that there is a similar sign posted at the intersection of Cottagewood Road & Manor Road.

Construction time period – Dana Young stated that Bruce Wheaton had emailed a request that the City consider limiting lawn maintenance equipment noise to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays rather than the current time period of 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Jeff Kask stated that the City's Public Works crew often begins using lawn maintenance equipment at around 7:00 a.m. at the City parks.

Paul Skrede stated that he would be much more inclined to look at addressing the evening hours rather than the morning hours.

Further discussion on this issue will be held next month.

St. Therese Oktoberfest Debriefing – Chief Johnson provided a brief summary on the discussions held with Ed Smith, Parish Business Administrator, regarding several outstanding issues resulting from the Oktoberfest celebration held last year. Specific discussion was held regarding enhancing security efforts and in ensuring that only 3.2 Beer was served at the 2011 event.

Speed Trailer – Chief Johnson provided a brief update on the use of the speed trailer on Ridgewood Road.

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

Mt. Curve Drainage Improvements

City Engineer David Martini provided plans and an overview of the proposed drainage improvement on Mt. Curve. He stated that the cost of the project is estimated at \$23,089.50. Maureen Youngstrom (4230 Mount Curve) and Tom Bowers (20415 Lakeview Avenue) were also in attendance.

Jon Monson suggested that it would be cheaper to directionally bore the storm water pipe rather than trenching the pipe.

Further discussion was held on the overall scope of the project.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend obtaining bids on the Mt. Curve Drainage Improvement Project on both the boring and trenching of the storm water pipe for Council review. Seconded by Jon Monson. Motion carried 5-0.

Paul Skrede stated that bids could be reviewed by the Public Works Committee on July 6th and by the City Council on July 18th.

Maureen Youngstrom stated that there is a manhole on Mt. Curve that is lower than the street surface and is often covered with water. She stated that she had witnessed a girl on a bike driving through the puddle and almost fall off her bike when she rode over the depressed manhole.

Paul Skrede recommended that the Public Works crew raise the manhole by 3”.

Carlson Drainage Improvement

City Engineer David Martini provided plans and an overview of the proposed installation of a concrete gutter across the driveway at 20505 Lakeview Avenue to control the drainage of water from the street into the driveway. He stated that the cost of the project is estimated at \$8,849.00.

Further discussion was held on the overall scope of the project.

Motion by Dana Young to recommended obtaining bids on the 20505 Lakeview Avenue Drainage Improvement Project for Council review. Seconded by Paul Skrede. Motion carried 5-0.

Jon Monson exits at 2:38 p.m.

Other

Brief discussion was held concerning drainage problems on Bayview Court and the Chowen's Corner street lighting system. Both items will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011.