

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Foreman John Menzel, and City Administrator Dana Young

Discuss Nuisance Control Revisions

The Committee reviewed the nuisance control recommendations submitted by Bill Blegan.

Paul Skrede suggested that we could really use a better definition for accessory structures, with specific uses attached to it. He added that temporary structures need to be better defined as well.

Further discussion was held on the storage of boats and recreational vehicles. It was suggested that the City could adopt seasonal parking for boats by allowing parking only during the winter months. In addition, it was suggested that there could be restrictions on the parking of recreational vehicles or prohibitions on parking anywhere but on a concrete or asphalt surface.

The Committee recommended reviewing nuisance control ordinances adopted in Eden Prairie, Edina, Plymouth and Maple Grove to see how and what type of nuisances are controlled in those communities.

Review Security system at City Marinas

Chief Johnson stated that he expects to receive the quote on a security system at the City marinas later today.

Discuss Clearing of Sidewalks in Cottagewood

Dana Young stated that he has received a request from Tom Erdmann, 20425 Lakeview Avenue, for the City to enforce its snow removal policy by requiring property owners on Cottagewood Road from Carson Road to the Cottagewood Store to clear their sidewalks. He stated that the challenge of trying to clear these sidewalks is due to the fact that they directly abut the street and receive substantial amounts of snow when the street is plowed.

Motion by Dana Young to modify the City's sidewalk clearing ordinance by requiring only those property owners within the business district to clear a sidewalk within 12 hours of a snowfall. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss Random Drug & Alcohol Testing

Chief Johnson noted that the City has required random drug and alcohol testing for public works and the police for years. He stated that the testing site has moved over the past three years from

Ridgedale, to Eden Prairie, to Hopkins, to Minnetonka and now to Robbinsdale. He stated that none of the other local police agencies require random drug & alcohol testing.

Discussion was held on the requirements of the City Code on drug & alcohol testing and on the requirements of MN State Statutes. Chief Johnson noted that neither the City Code nor State Statutes mandate random drug & alcohol testing.

John Menzel stated that he didn't think we need random drug & alcohol testing.

Paul Skrede stated that as long as we have language in the City Code that allows the City to require a drug & alcohol test under reasonable suspicion, he didn't have a problem in removing the random testing requirement.

Other

Paul Skrede asked if the snow storage at the Chowen's Corner parking lot will be transported to Robinson's Bay Beach. John Menzel stated that if it has to be transported because it is getting too large, it will be transported to Walden Beach.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Paula Evanitch to stripe Heathcote Road if the City intended to eventually use this road as part of a trail system to access the LRT Trail. The Committee recommended adding Heathcote Road to the 2019 striping schedule by adding white dashed centerlines.

Paul Skrede stated that he has received a number of requests for a stop sign on Cottagewood Avenue at the Water Street intersection in the attempt to slow down several individuals who are speeding on Cottagewood Avenue. Chief Johnson stated that he will post the portable speed monitor at this location when it is purchased early next year.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss RFP for Minnetonka Blvd Project Engineering

There was a lengthy discussion on whether to go out for Request for Proposals for the Minnetonka Blvd project and for the position of City Engineer. The Committee recommended submitted a Request for Proposals for engineering services for the Minnetonka Blvd Resurfacing Project.

Other

John Menzel stated that Schneider Excavating is willing to haul away the excess dirt on the parking island at Thorpe Park for a cost of \$1,000.00. The Committee recommended that Schneider Excavating haul away the excess dirt, which isn't suitable for landscaping purposes, for a cost of \$1,000.00.

Paul Skrede stated that he received a request from Jessica Loftus to have Midwest Asphalt also resurface Hamilton Avenue along Thorpe Park since there had been so much damage to the road from the heavy equipment this past summer. John Menzel stated that Midwest Asphalt will just

be resurfacing the driveway and the trails at Thorpe Park and does not have the equipment or the time this late in the season to do a mill & overlay of Hamilton Avenue.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.