

FEBRUARY 16, 2009 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and proper public notices the Public Works Committee met on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m at the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St., Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll call: Chairman John MacLennan called the meeting to order. Present were John MacLennan, Eddy Wuorenma and Rob Daugherty. Public Works Director Jerry Killian and Zoning Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present David Schofield, City Engineer.

Daugherty/Wuorenma motion to approve the minutes for October 27, 2008 passed without a negative voice vote.

City Engineer David Schofield presented the options for the St. Croix Street sidewalk from Canton Street to Campbell Street. The first option would be to construction on the south side of St. Croix Street. With this option a grading easement would need to be obtained from a property owner in southeast quadrant of the intersection of Linn Street and St. Croix Street for grading upon private property. The option 1B would be to construct the sidewalk on the south side of St. Croix Street but utilizing a retaining wall to eliminate grading upon private property and eliminate the need for a grading easement. The second option would be to construct on the north side of St. Croix Street. The second option would need two retaining walls and there would be an increase in the number of driveways being crossed. The proposal is for a 5 foot sidewalk but Schofield stated that if the sidewalk was put to the back of curb he would then propose a 6 foot sidewalk.

David Fries, 642 Linn Street asked about a time frame for the completion of this project. David Schofield stated that this is a DOT project. The DOT will let the bid which adds additional review time. Fries stated that his concern is the lawn restoration. He questioned if the restoration could have an extended warranty. Schofield stated that the warranty could be extended but that this could add to the cost of the project. Chairman MacLennan asked if an erosion mat would be used for the restoration but was told that this is not part of the estimate. Mr. Fries also asked that if a tree needs to be removed could it be replaced and the committee was in favor of replacing the trees. Mr. Fries was also told that there would be approximately 125 square yards of grading on his private property.

William Bowen of 1018 St. Croix Street stated that it appears there may be some utility poles that need to be removed and asked who would pay for the moving. Schofield stated that the city has an agreement with the utility companies and they would be moved at the utility company cost but Schofield stated that they would try to work around the utility poles.

Discussion was held on putting the sidewalk up to the back of the curb. Schofield stated that the sidewalk may but up to the back of the curb on the Malone School block and the block between College and Linn. It was also discussed that the school district has requested an 8 foot sidewalk with a 6 inch thickness for the Malone School block. The larger sidewalk would make it easier for the school district to maintain the sidewalk and the thickness is due to vehicles being parked

over the sidewalk during youth sporting events. Increasing the size and thickness would add approximately \$5,000 to the project.

Wuorenma/Daugherty motion to recommend to council to place the sidewalk on the south side of St. Croix Street passed without a negative voice vote.

Public Works Director Jerry Killian discussed with the committee the number of issues the city has been having with water. Within the last month there has been three issues, one had a toilet leaking, one had a pipe leaking under their basement floor and one had a water pipe that burst due to a freeze up. Several have asked for reduction in their utility bill. This is not something that the city has done previously. Staff recommends that the city not reduce utility bills as the city has not control how people handle their water. It was asked if insurance would cover some of the water issues. A local insurance company was asked this question and we were told that it comes down to due diligence of the property owner. **Wuorenma/Daugherty motion to allow staff to handle water issues as they see fit and if a resident does not agree with the staff's decision they can be heard before council passed without a negative voice vote.**

Other Business:

David Schofield informed the committee that he has received state approval for sewer, water and storm sewer for Canton Street and Kasson Drive but that a grading easement is needed from SOS.

Wuorenma/Daugherty motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand