

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
MAY 18, 2015

Mayor Landers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the Dells Events, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Mayor Landers, Ald. Ed Wojnicz and Ald. Brian Holzem
Absent: Ald. Dar Mor
Others: Public Works Director David W. Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Asst. City Attorney Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, City Clerk Nancy R. Holzem, City Treasurer Karen Hoekstra, Ald. Freel, Ed Fox, Zac Zastava, Diane Zastava, and Jim Legge from the Dells Events
2. Motion by Alderperson Holzem, seconded by Ald. Wojnicz to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. David Holzem said Oak Street Construction is running about two days behind schedule on curb and gutter. By this weekend, road closed signs may be pulled, but some of the flatwork for the parking stalls will not be put in until midweek. David said there are some extra costs associated with the streetscape associated with flex parking and if the city decides to move forward with more aesthetic improvements, he asked the committee for input on funding sources for these types of extra costs on future similar projects, whether from BID or some sort of economic development funds.

Initially they had intended to have large planters separating flex parking from the sidewalk, but they are waiting on final decisions on the large planters, such as color of the planters. They went with smaller temporary planters for now to at least create the separation. David asked the committee about input on parking meters and whether they are looking into coin operated or smart technology meter options. Wojnicz and Landers agreed parking stall numbered signs similar to the ones on La Crosse Street were preferred over metered posts. This item was discussion only.

4. David Holzem updated the committee on the RiverWalk and Woodside intersection projects. The latest schedule for the Illinois Avenue Bridge was to bid out in August with potential construction late September. David said if they start construction late September, they will probably not be able to finish until spring 2016. The biggest delay involves contract amendments.

For the Woodside intersection improvement project for the ICE (Intersection Control Evaluation) Report, they have a new WI DOT traffic engineer going through the report which has not been finalized by them yet. They have projections, but hope to get from Woodside more accurate data for attendance projections and traffic counts. The earliest start date for this would be spring 2017. The permit for access to the highway that expires at the end of next year will need to be extended. The delay in this case appears to be where the intersection report was submitted to the state months ago and has not been reviewed by WI DOT yet, and they are agreeable to extend it another year. Chris Tollaksen said Woodside is expecting increased traffic in 2016. This year is the expected opening summer and expects the amount of traffic to increase significantly next year. This item was updated information only.

5. This agenda item was basically just letting everyone know the route for the ATC Badger Coulee 345-KV Transmission Line Project along Interstate-90 was the approved route and was the preferred route chosen by the city as well. This was updated information only.
6. Ed Fox, speaking on behalf of American Legion and VFW, would like to purchase fifty flagpole kits to display 3' x 5' U.S. Flags on street light poles west of the railroad bridge and from Cedar Street going east. They are looking for permission from Public Works to do that and asking for assistance putting them up. Ed said the VFW and American Legion have secured enough money to cover the costs of the flag kits and enough money probably, if need be, reimburse the city for part or all of the labor involved with money offered by citizens and business owners in the area. Ed said they would take care of raising the flags up and down. The brackets would be up year round. Ed Fox said if the city would get calls about flag etiquette with flags that need to be flown half staff, or flags that become tangled or tattered and he said to have them call him to take care of. The replacement of the flags will be at the expense of the VFW and American Legion. David said realistically if his department gets calls about the same, the city will probably end up taking care of some of the calls. If approved, the flags would be up from Flag Day through Wo-Zha-Wa this year and then Memorial Day weekend through Wo-Zha-Wa weekend annually. He said once the brackets are up, the VFW and American Legion would be responsible for putting up and taking down the flags and storage of the flags. Ed Fox said when municipalities are directed to lower flags half-staff; it does not affect community flags with fixed brackets. Motion by Ald. Holzem, seconded by Ald. Wojnicz recommend to council move forward with the flag attachment for 2015 and review it at the end of 2015 and go from there. Motion carried.
7. Public Works Director David Holzem said one of the garbage trucks needs to be replaced and would like to look into replacing it with one capable of picking up carts as well. David said they could add up to two cart tippers to the rear of a garbage truck. It would cost around \$7,000 for each tipper to be added to an existing truck. There is a possibility of having carts in the future for garbage. It was suggested to move this to a future agenda and David Holzem research this and then get back to the committee with updated information.
8. Ald. Holzem suggested the city keep in mind to look at notifying the public that, looking toward the future festivals using Oak Street, about other options besides pounding tent stakes into the new road. Alderperson Holzem would like this on a future agenda to officially ban putting holes into the new concrete on Oak Street.
9. Scheduled is the next Public Works meeting Monday, June 8, 2015 at 5:30 pm.
10. Motion by Ald. Holzem, seconded by Ald. Wojnicz to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Monica Dorow-Leis
Public Works Office Clerk