

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Chairperson Mor 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: Ald. Dar Mor, Mayor Landers, Ed Wojnicz and Ald. Brian Holzem
 Others: Public Works Director David W. Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Asst. City Atty. Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, City Clerk Nancy R. Holzem, Ald. Freel, Ald. Fox, Michael T. Horkan, Sarah Gengler, Kevin Ruhland, and John Langhans
2. Motion by Mayor Landers, seconded by Ald. Holzem, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. David Holzem said it is hard to predict REU fees and presented conservative estimates on expenses and revenues. He said basically a 17% increase is covering the increased cost associated with the dryer project. David said they would like the increase to be effective January or February 2016 and has the increase has to be on the books by the time CWF application is made. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz recommend to council approve the proposed rate increases as presented. Motion carried.
4. The Badger Coulee transmission line is running along I90/94 corridor. There is a crossing there and are asking permission to have wires crossing the city's right of way. This would be from CTH H near 857 N Frontage Road going west across the interstate. David said it is his understanding that Alliant already has an existing transmission line there already. Motion by Mayor Landers, seconded by Ald. Holzem allow badger coulee transmission line to operate in the right of way. Motion carried.
5. The following bids were received for Contract # 3-2015 Alley (Oak St. to Elm St.) Reconstruction

Contractor	Bid Amt.		
	Items 1-13	Items A-1 thru A-10	Total Bid Amount
Holtz Lime Gravel & Exc., Inc.	\$ 32,510.75	\$ 12,509.10	\$ 45,019.85
Royal Excavating, Inc.	\$ 48,540.00	\$ 12,757.00	\$ 61,297.00
Allen Steele Co. Inc.	\$ 39,283.70	\$ 11,517.52	\$ 50,801.22

Motion by Ald. Holzem, seconded by Ald. Wojnicz recommend to council accept the low bid from Holtz Lime, Gravel & Exc., Inc for Items 1-13 and A-1 through A-10 in the amount of \$45,019.85. Motion carried.

6. David Holzem said Todd Halvensleben of Vierbicher Associates is hoping to bid this out in December. This item was discussion only and will be on the next agenda.
7. Kevin Ruhland, Traffic Engineer with MSA said based on the most recent letter from WiDOT they accepted the traffic study, and recommend the stop controlled intersection. Kevin said he would follow-up with them first to figure out what they are requiring where the letter just states a stop controlled intersection. The second is to follow-up as to what was their decision making process, in regards with not agreeing with the recommendations of the study. Kevin said with their Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) study, they recommend not installing a stop controlled

stop intersection, primarily from an operational concern and a safety concern. After this follow-up, they will hopefully have more information for next month's meeting. This item was discussion only at this time.

8. Kevin Ruhland said they looked at ways to improve the traffic in the downtown area and did traffic counts July-August 2015. On the busiest hour on a Saturday, there were 1,000-1,500 vehicles traveling on Broadway. Two-thirds of the traffic coming across the bridge from the west, turn off of Broadway between La Crosse St and River Road. Traffic from the east is mostly thru traffic. With the pedestrian volumes, there are a lot more east-west crossing rather than north-south crossing. One alternate would include pedestrian scramble phase where all vehicle traffic would stop and all pedestrians would cross the intersections. There is not anything like this in the state. They preliminarily approached the state on this and they are not too excited about this at this time. Alternative 2 would make Eddy Street the plaza area, which is almost the same configuration as today, except Eddy Street would be closed. In this case the pedestrian crossing remains as is at Eddy Street and the pedestrian crossing west at River Road and Superior would be eliminated to minimize the conflicts at that location. Kevin said one of their approaches is where they want to make it as pedestrian friendly as possible, while minimizing the impacts of vehicle traffic. Mayor Landers the Wisconsin Dells Visitor's Bureau is working on identifying the market location. He said he asked this committee to meet again before council to look at temporary locations for a temporary plaza. This item was discussion only.
9. This item was discussion only.
10. Tree in tree bank on Helland Law Office.
11. Scheduled is the next Public Works meeting Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 5:30pm.
12. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz, seconded by Mayor Landers to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Monica Dorow-Leis
Public Works Office Clerk