

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY HALL, PLANNING/ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM (WEST)
Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Mary Balte, Grace Brandl, Janet Breuer, Linda Hunter, June Kramer, Tony Mack, Ed Rappe, Joanne Vogds, Gloria Wallace, Anne Marie Woods

Excused: Alderperson Chris Able

Guest(s): Dan Koski, Chad Scheinoha

Minutes: Submitted by Linda Hunter

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:02pm
- II. City Update from Mayor Justin Nickels
 - a. Mirro Building
 - i. Owner had 90 days to send Demolition Permit request to the City.
 - ii. An inadequate request was submitted and the Common Council voted to condemn the building in 100 days after which the City could tear it down (mid October 2015).
 - iii. Demolition would require approximately \$2 - \$3 million dollars.
 - iv. The owner of the property would still own the land however it would be confiscated by the City unless all assessments for demolition were paid for, perhaps by 2018.
 - v. Meanwhile, the owner has filed a Restraining Order on the City and the Mayor.
 - b. Mid-City Mall
 - i. Owner is funding demolition of this building.
 - ii. The Department of Natural Resources supervises removal of toxic materials such as asbestos.
 - iii. The owner is hoping to sell the Goodrich Tire building, however, if it does not sell the owner will also demolish.
 - iv. This property would then become a Tax Incremental District if the overseeing Board approves it.
 - c. 2016 Budget
 - i. Mayor Nickels has met with all department heads regarding their individual department budgets.
 - ii. The 2016 Budget currently is estimated at approximately \$55 million.
 - iii. The Dewey Street full reconstruction is in the budget for an estimated cost of \$2.7 million.
 - iv. Waldo Boulevard is also scheduled for a mostly state funded reconstruction.
 - v. Taxes cannot be raised on operational expenses, but Workers Compensation went up by \$200,000 and bridge operations also went up. There will be a small increase in taxes (less than 2%) to pay off debt.
 - d. Committee Questions/Comments
 - i. Harbor Town – What benefit has the City received from Harbor Town?
 1. 40% of the cost for Dewey Street reconstruction is being paid by the TIF District
 2. The TIF District will close in 2018 and so will the City's debt payments.
 - ii. Noise Ordinance – Is there a Noise Ordinance?
 1. Yes and it is enforced by the City of Manitowoc Police Department.

- iii. Rescue Squad Services – Where should complaints regarding unpleasant behavior by the 3rd party for Rescue Squad services be forwarded to?
 - 1. All complaints/concerns/issues should be directed to the Fire Chief.
- iv. Litter – There is litter next to the bus stop near the Salvation Army and the Committee is requesting a garbage can be placed there.
- v. The Committee praised the City for the repair of holes in the roads.

- III. Guest Speaker – Dan Koski, Director of Public Infrastructure, and Chad Scheinoha, Parks/Cemetery/Bridges Operations Manager
 - a. Dan and Chad explained the LEAN business process that examines efficiency and waste in processes.
 - b. Example would be the snow plowing change to the downtown snow cleanup which saved \$14,000.
 - c. The LEAN Committee reviews the proposals after brainstorming ideas from various parties, some directly, some not.
 - d. A positive example would be putting a leaf pusher on the lawn mower at the Cemetery as now only one worker is needed rather than several to remove leaves.
 - e. The Department of Public Infrastructure will be proposing to have leaves pushed into the street by homeowners rather than having them on the terrace which the DPI workers than have to move for pickup. This change should speed up the annual leaf pickup. A closer leaf dump location would also assist in expediting this process. The need for thorough communication is recognized. Coordination is also needed with the street sweepers. This proposal will need to be approved by the LEAN Committee for it to happen.
- IV. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 10.06.15, beginning at 4:00pm at the City Hall – Planning/Engineering Conference Room (West), 900 Quay Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm