

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 22, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Nick Levendusky
Jim Brey
Ray Geigel

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr

OTHERS

David Naidl, 1919 Granger Rd
Gary Kennedy, 3500 STH 310
Derek Muench, 2655 S. 35th St

MEMBERS ABSENT

Approval of the Minutes from 3/08/10

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting. R. Geigel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Request to Erect Three Crosses at the Evergreen Cemetery

David Naidl was present to request approval of the three crosses that are put up each year at the Evergreen Cemetery. There was an issue with vandalism of the display last year and V. Mellon said other protest signs were put up; however, they were simply removed and it's our intent to continue to have cemetery personnel remove all protest signs immediately since the only thing authorized at this time is Mr. Naidl's display. J. Brey said that there is an Ordinance preventing any activity in the Cemetery after dark. If there is anything suspicious, the Police Department should be contacted. D. Muench said the vandalism that was done was minimal and they believe it was a result of the same protestors that put the signs up.

J. Brey said Freedom of Religion doesn't mean Freedom from Religion and made a motion to approve the Request to erect the three crosses. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

N. Levendusky questioned where the crosses were placed. V. Mellon explained that they are well out of the way and not a hazard to traffic and are placed far off the roadway on the hillside near the viaduct.

Viebahn Street Reconstruction From CN Railroad to CTH CR

Gary Kennedy, County Highway Supervisor, was present and explained to the Committee that they would like to apply for STP-Urban funding to rebuild Viebahn Street (County CR to RR Tracks) in 2012. The Right of Way is 66' and the County Ordinance reads that anything outside of 26' would be the responsibility of the City and this would include curb, gutter and storm sewers. This would be a Joint Construction project

with the County and City. The County will pay 100 percent of the design cost and also apply for the joint STP-Urban Grant.

G. Minikel explained the cost estimates and pointed out that if the funding is obtained it will result in the City getting a new 36' curb and gutter storm sewer street which is a 40 year plus improvement for a fraction of the cost. Discussion ensued regarding joint funding and stormwater management that will be required.

J. Brey made a motion to agree to enter into relationship with Manitowoc County on this project and apply for STP funding jointly with the County and the project will be continued only if STP funding is available for construction in 2012. R. Geigel seconded the Motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Annual Report to DNR for our MS4 Stormwater Permit

V. Mellon reviewed highlights of the report which was e-mailed to all members and said the City has reached 25.5 percent of the 40 percent required by the DNR (20% Sweepers and 5.5% ponds). The report also summarizes what was spent in 2009. At the end of 2010 after completion of ponds at S. 41st & Custer Street and S. 10th Street we will be at about 30%.

D. Soeldner made a motion to approve the content of the report and to submit by March 31, 2010. N. Levendusky seconded the motion.

Update on Pollution Prevention Program at DPW

Tabled for upcoming meeting when cost estimates from ACE and DWP crew labor for construction of street sweeper wash bay and sewer improvements are available.

S. 10th Street CDBG Grant Administration

V. Mellon reported that the City received a grant for the S. 10th Street project for \$384,000, which is less than we applied for. The City will not be able to assess property owners if the Grant is accepted. V. Mellon explained assessments could have potentially brought in \$535,000; however, due to economic hardship, with over 30% of the properties being in foreclosure with non-payment of last year's taxes and utility bills and about 14.4% City unemployment rate, it's highly likely that people won't be able to pay their special assessments either. V. Mellon recommended to the Committee that it would be in our best interest to accept the Grant money, since \$384,000 is a sure thing. V. Mellon explained that accepting the Grant will cause a short delay to the project. We would like to keep moving as we don't want to be penalized by the Contractor and want to finish Phase 1 prior to Lincoln High School's Graduation to minimize impact on the traffic. Start dates have already been set by the Contractor.

J. Brey made a motion to accept the CDBG Grant. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Engineering to keep the Committee posted. We may need political pressure to push the Department of Commerce to review and approve the environmental document as soon as possible. J. Sladky requested phone numbers so he can make necessary calls as well.

All in favor, no further discussion.

Dermatology Associates Request to Close Parking Lot

V. Mellon previously sent an e-mail and sketch to the Committee to show the parking lot that is requested to be closed for one day. The 200' Manitowoc crane can only be assembled on one side of the power line, which is why the parking lot needs to be closed. The Contractor will be liable for any damage that may occur directly or indirectly and the City will be exempt from any liabilities. Miron Construction will be putting flyers on vehicles that are parked in the lot informing them of the closure. The leased spots will not be affected.

R. Geigel made a motion to grant the Request. N. Levendusky seconded the Motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

South 30th Street Pond Landscaping Project

G. Minikel presented the pond landscaping project to the Committee. N. Levendusky requested a few alternative trees be considered by the consulting Engineers. He thought some of the trees listed will drop berries/leaves around the pond. His recommendations were evergreens, blue spruce, Australian pine. G. Minikel said that he would like to discuss these alternatives with Janet Sosnosky. He said that she was fully aware of the droppings from these recommended trees; however, the design was put together by a Landscaping business that specialize in prairie plantings and there may be other reasons for their recommended selections.

The Committee recommended an updated concept plan be e-mailed before the next Council meeting.

N. Levendusky made a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Valerie Mellon, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer