



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes Public Infrastructure Committee

Monday, May 12, 2014

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Schema, Brey, Hennessey, Sladky and Soeldner

Staff Present: Dan Koski, Greg Minikel, Sonja Birr, Jim Muenzenmeyer

Audience Members Present: Mike Check, John Kropp, Chuck Behnke, Ralph and Karen Kriescher

3. Approval of Minutes

[14-1048](#)

Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2014 Public Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Moved by Brey, seconded by Sladky, that the Minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schema, Brey, Hennessey, Sladky and Soeldner

4. Presentations

5. Discussion and Action Items

[14-931](#)

Communication from Ralph and Karen Kriescher, 603 Meadow Court, relative to various issues with their property.

Ralph and Karen Kriescher were called to the table regarding issues at 603 Meadow Court. Mrs. Kriescher does not remember water problems in the past. G. Minikel explained that we haven't changed the grade; however, there might be drainage issues with the neighbor's property. D. Soeldner recommended the Engineering Staff to check the grades with the next large rainfall. He also recommended talking with the neighbor regarding the grade of their driveway. G. Minikel said that back in March, it was checked into and was decided it was more of a private issue. J. Sladky said if it is a private issue, we can't do much about it. The Committee would like to find out what the problem is.

The Committee recommended verifying the grades at this location and suggested dumping water from a water truck to see the natural flow of the water.

[14-1012](#)

Memorial Drive - Request for island modifications near Lilac Drive

John Kropp was present and was introduced to the Committee. J. Kropp provided a map and 5-year accident report to the Committee due to a discussion held at a Manitowoc County Traffic and Safety Commission meeting regarding vehicles crossing, driving against traffic or making u-turns on Memorial Drive at this location. The DOT mentioned adding a left turn bay lane and explained the medians should only be open to crossroads and not to driveways. The County would be willing to split 1/2 the costs with the City if the City is willing to do the design work. There is no estimated cost at this time.

J. Hennessey agreed that this is a dangerous area. The businesses in this area are in support of the design as there will only be a right in and right out.

The Committee recommended that Engineering Department put together cost estimates and to have available at the June meeting.

[14-1010](#)

Storm Water Pond Maintenance

D. Soeldner explained that we were not able to come to an agreement with taking over the existing ponds; although, he remembers putting together an agreement for all new ponds. The newly developed ponds could be taken over after 1-2 years to make certain they are stabilized and ready for the City to obtain them. The developer would be responsible for the ponds during this time. Ordinance changes need to be revised accordingly.

D. Soeldner recommended checking with NEWSOC to see what they are doing. The Engineering Department will meet to discuss again in the meeting in July. Mike Check recommended getting the Draft Ordinance together so he can show it to other developers.

This Action Item was discussed and will be discussed again at the July meeting.

[14-1009](#)

Request to replace damaged pier elements - Manitowoc Marina

J. Muenzenmeyer informed the committee that we have available funds in the budget. J. Sladky thought it would be a good idea to inform the members of the Harbor Commission.

Moved by Brey, seconded by Hennessey, that replacement of the damaged pier elements be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schema, Brey, Hennessey, Sladky and Soeldner

[14-1029](#)

Parking Lot Issues at 402 N. 10th Street (formerly known as Wisconsin Fuel & Light)

D. Koski explained some of the concerns in this area. The City Attorney said they would need an access agreement to proceed.

Moved by Brey, seconded by Schema, that the repairs to parking lot at 402 N. 10th Street be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schema, Brey, Hennessey, Sladky and Soeldner

[14-1034](#)

Huron Street Reconstruction - Bike Accommodations & LRIP Funding

G. Minikel explained to the Committee that in order to receive the LRIP funding, our design would need to include bike lanes. He was hoping to have a shared lane, but because of the width of the street, it will more than likely be denied.

G. Minikel said that he doesn't believe this funding can be transferred again and doesn't believe the City would be in favor of a constructing a bike lane on such a short reconstruction segment.

The Committee approved for the DOT funding will be turned down at this time.

This Action Item was discussed and the committee approved for the DOT funding to be turned down at this time.

[14-1028](#)

Viebahn Tower Update

D. Koski updated the Committee about the Viebahn Tower progress and explained the process. When they started gathering data, they realized there were many issues that they were unaware of. With loads dropping off, the City checked with the structural engineers and the City realized they were the only facilities on there and the tower should be structurally sound for the time being.

This Action Item was discussed and the Committee recommended continuing the study of the tower and loads.

[14-1011](#)

2014 Seal Coating Assessments/Revenues

The Committee and Engineering staff discussed the assessment rate for slurry seal if we would assess 100 percent of the bid. G. Minikel said that there are no reductions with slurry seal as there is with other capital street improvements per City Ordinance.

J. Sladky recommended running numbers at different splits (90/10, 80/20 and 70/30) to see where they all come in. The Committee recommended that Engineering run these numbers requested by the Committee and bring back to the June meeting. Letters to property owners will be sent out soon.

This Seal coating issue was discussed and the Committee would like to see recommended splits before a decision can be made.

[14-1031](#)

Replacement of a Mechanic at DPW due to resignation.

Moved by Hennessey, seconded by Brey, to approve filling the vacant Mechanic position. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Schema, Brey, Hennessey, Sladky and Soeldner

[14-1045](#)

Annual Street Sweeping Parking Ban Exemption for Car Ferry

D. Koski explained the conversation he had with the Carferry regarding the fisherman parking issue. When Quay Street was extended, the Carferry lost some parking spots. The Committee recommended leaving alone for now and allowing no exemption at this time. D. Koski said he will e-mail the Carferry to let them know of the Committees decision. We will also install an additional sign that reads "No Overnight Parking".

This Action Item was discussed

[14-999](#)

Agreement with Citizens for a Scenic Lakeshore to maintain the Lakeside Blvd. bluff and medians.

6. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.