

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chairperson Thiele on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Antoine, Coenen, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Street Sup. Van Gompel, Fire Chief Carrel, Com. Enrich. Serv. Dir. Vosters, HR Dir. Swaney, and interested citizens.

Chair Thiele acknowledged the holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Today our country celebrated the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and his impact on giving equal rights to everyone.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Red Hills Landfill Update.

Representative Heath Hoffman-Operations Manager from the Ahlstrom-Munksjo was present to provide information, along with photos, on their efforts and plans. Construction on Phase 6 sequence 2 is complete and the DNR is reviewing construction documentation for approval to place waste in the sequence. Approval is expected before May, and the plan would be to start putting waste in the sequence by August. The plan was to put material in Phase 5 for the winter. They have been putting material into Phase 5 until the last week. Due to warmer temperatures and thawing, they are temporarily putting waste in the east module of Phase 6. The plan is to return to Phase 5 as soon as the temperature drops for the remainder of the winter. Once the temperatures consistently are above freezing, they will focus on removing surface leachate from the center module. Questions from the Board were answered.

b. Wisconsin Avenue Seawall Project Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier provided an update with photos of the project. McMahon Engineering put together some concept plans for the project for the Nelson Grant. The second grant being applied for is through the DNR, which is fifty percent of the cost. The City is in talks with Fox Locks expecting a letter of support to go with the grant application. There is a resolution on the council agenda for tomorrow night. Questions from the Board were answered.

c. Authorization to seek bids for Project #1-23, 2023 Concrete Street Paving.

The Engineering Department has completed survey and is finalizing design for installation of concrete streets for the listed roads. The new construction streets outlined are in need of the final driving surface, sidewalk, and driveway apron installation. The Street Reconstruction areas will include removal of asphalt and replacement with concrete street, driveway aprons and extension or replacement of sidewalks where needed. A preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise special assessments is included in your packets for Council consideration on Tuesday night.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to authorize the Engineering Department to seek bids for Project #1-23, 2023 Concrete Street Paving.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

d. Authorization to seek bids for Project #2-23, Kenneth Avenue Area Utility Relay – Phase 3.

The Engineering Department is completing plans for the annual utility relay project with Kaukauna Utilities. The proposed project is in the Kenneth Avenue to Crooks Avenue neighborhoods. The project will include replacement of sanitary sewer, water mains, private laterals from the main to the homes, and restoration of the affected areas.

Motion by Kilgas, seconded by Antoine to authorize the Engineering Department to seek bids for Project #2-23, Kenneth Avenue Area Utility Relay – Phase 3.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

e. Authorization to seek bids for Project #4-23, 2023 Concrete Street Patch Program.

The Engineering Department and Street Department have identified various areas in need of concrete street panel replacement for which we have budgeted funds in the 2023 CIP. The City would also contract with KU to add any winter water main break patches with our larger replacement project in an effort to save money, staff resources, and to simplify project coordination. Due to several high traffic and school-adjacent patches on this project, we intend to seek bids early in 2023, and require contractors to complete any work on STH 55 or near schools, during the summer months.

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Coenen to authorize the Engineering Department to seek bids for Project #4-23 – 2023 Concrete Street Patch Program.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

f. Municipal Pool Project Update.

Community Enrichment Services Director Vosters provided an update on the Municipal Pool Project. Parkitecture and Planning is currently working on the pump building for the slide, the tower and the pool wall interface where slide will connect to the vessel. Splash pad design is currently being developed. Nearly complete is the design for the concession building and bathhouse. The next step is the mini-golf course and pump buildings for the splash pad. We believe to be on track for the bid to go out in February.

The Capital Campaign Committee is Kelly Kelly, Nicci Sprangers, Dr. Chris Berkers, Bob Jakel and TJ Minnehan. The Committee has met three times with the last time being last week. Each committee member is making calls to meet with local businesses. The City has received one donation in addition to the Nelson Fund gift. A Campaign website went live last week. Social media platforms, newspaper ads and other forms of press releases are being developed and will go out to the public this week.

g. Public Works Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier provided a list of projects happening in the City. The City was informed last week that TDS is no longer working with Broadband Infrastructure. TDS is doing some of the cleanup work and are currently looking for a new contractor. TDS is hoping to have a new contractor in place by March or April. In the meantime, anywhere they have fiber optic live they can still do connections from the mains to the houses. They are currently not installing any new fiber mains at this time. The other project is the Vibrant Spaces Grant having to do with our alley project and also activating some vacant lots in the City downtown. The Planning Department has a resolution on the Common Council agenda for tomorrow night which would authorize staff to apply for the Vibrant Spaces Grant. Specifically for making improvements to downtown areas, increasing the number and types of audiences using the space, creating visible and lasting transformations that foster public activity to improve our downtown. Questions from the Board were answered.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn.
All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Sally Kenney
Clerk