

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Mayor Penterman on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Sen. Proj. Eng. Bodoh, Street Sup. Van Gompel, HR Dir. Swaney, Com. Enrich. & Rec. Dir. Vosters, Fin. Dir. Van Rossum, and interested citizens.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Elect Chair.

Motion by Moore that nominations be closed, rules be suspended, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ald. Thiele as Chairperson of the Board of Public Works.

Roll call vote: Antoine-aye, Coenen-aye, DeCoster-aye, Eggleston-aye, Kilgas-aye, Moore-aye, Schell-aye, Thiele-aye.

Motion carried.

b. Elect Vice-Chair.

Motion by Thiele that nominations be closed, rules be suspended, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ald. Coenen as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Public Works.

Roll call vote: Coenen-aye, DeCoster-aye, Eggleston-aye, Kilgas-aye, Moore-aye, Schell-aye, Thiele-aye, Antoine-aye.

Motion carried.

c. Public Hearing for Project 1-23; Concrete Street Paving.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier gave a presentation on the project. The details discussed were the project areas, proposed assessment rates, rate history, assessment payment details and the proposed timeline for the project. Rates were published in the newspaper and letters were sent to abutting property owners. Project updates will also be sent to affected residents via email. Questions from the Board were answered.

Mayor Penterman declared the Public Hearing open and asked if anyone in the Council Chambers wished to address the Board of Public Works regarding Project 1-23, Concrete Street Paving.

Jane Zimmerman, 253 Canal Street spoke regarding the assessment rate creating a financial hardship for her family. She feels the street could be redesigned to be smaller, thus creating a less costly assessment for the property owners on the street.

Kurt Johnson, 250 Canal Street spoke about the unique situation on Canal Street. There will be no place for the snow to go if a sidewalk is installed. It is an undue burden he will have for the rest of his life. It is a sidewalk to nowhere.

Lee Mothes, 425 Dixon Street, spoke about the assessment rate charge for Dixon Street. He stated the width of the Street is incorrect on the estimate.

Mike Sitter, 407 Dixon Street spoke saying the road needs repair. He is upset about the City using concrete. He feels Dixon Street is a low traffic street and should be redone with asphalt.

Dan Baxter, 417 Dixon Street spoke saying Dixon Street does not need to be redone. It puts an undue burden on the taxpayer and homeowners.

Rebecca Bjorkman, 302 E. 8th Street spoke wanting all the roads scheduled for paving to be remeasured to ensure accuracy.

Rod Swoboda, 418 E. Dixon Street asked about sidewalks and why sidewalks on both sides are needed on this dead end street.

Darryl Baumgart, 401 Dixon Street spoke about his concern with paying for these assessments.

Shawn Schmitt, 300 E. 7th Street spoke asking why the City is borrowing for the project and the interest rate being put onto the taxpayer.

Lisa Sitter, 407 Dixon Street is concerned about the estimates and how close they will be to the actual cost of the project. Her street is a dead end street and has very low traffic. The alley behind their house is in greater need of repair.

Asking two more times if anyone else wished to address the Board, no one appeared, Mayor Penterman declared the public hearing closed.

d. Recommendation to award bid for Project 6-23: LaFollette Park Playground Renovation.

Community Enrichment and Recreation Director Vosters stated staff has reviewed and analyzed bids from PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc (Little Tykes) and Lee Recreation, received for the 6-23 LaFollette Park Playground Renovation. APRA funds of \$350,000 were allocated for this project. Staff has reviewed the equipment and warranty in each of the bids. Discussion was held and questions answered.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Kilgas to award total base bid for Project 6-23, LaFollette Park Playground Renovation to Lee Recreation for a total bid price of \$326,478.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

e. Authorization to seek bids for Project 7-23: City of Kaukauna Municipal Pool Project.

Community Enrichment and Recreation Director Vosters stated staff has been working with Parkitecture + Planning on the design for the Kaukauna Municipal Pool Renovation on final plans and specifications with guidelines for the types of equipment, site amenities and construction. The renovation will revitalize the facility, provide a new bathhouse with state-of-the-art facilities and pool equipment in compliance with state pool regulations, and add new amenities for residents. The new day-use area will extend the season beyond the current summer pool season with a recirculating splashpad and miniature golf course. City staff will save costs by performing some of the site work (asphalt and lighting) in and around the area in conjunction with the project. Work would begin in late summer or early fall of 2023 after the closure of the 2023 pool season. Parkitecture + Planning representative Katie MacDonald was present to answer questions.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to authorize staff to seek bids for Project #7-23: Municipal Pool Renovation.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

f. Authorization to seek bids for Replacement of Truck 213.

Street Superintendent Van Gompel stated that Truck 213 is one of the oldest five-yard dump trucks in our fleet at 15 years old. Its main uses have been snow removal, leaf collection and brush collection. This truck has a ten-foot bed which we would like to replace with a larger twelve-foot bed to help our operations having a larger capacity.

Motion by Schell, seconded by DeCoster to authorize the Street Department to seek bids for a 2023 or newer single axel dump truck with plow equipment.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

g. Authorization to seek bids for a new ¾ ton truck to add to DPW fleet.

Street Superintendent Van Gompel stated that the City has budgeted for an addition of a ¾ ton pickup truck to add to the fleet. This truck will be outfitted for the use from the mechanic and crew with a tool box for making repairs on job sites and a tommy lift for the tailgate to help with the loading and unloading of heavy tires and materials used on job sites. Questions from the Board were answered.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to authorize the Street Department to seek bids for a 2023 or newer ¾ ton truck.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

h. Public Works Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier updated the Board on the 2022/2023 Projects. Projects include planned traffic counts/intersection studies at Taylor/Lawe and Ann/Crooks. High sewer flows and possible leaks creating this volume are being looked at. Kaukauna Athletic Club concession building repairs are nearing completion. Sidewalks on Nature View Court are installed.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Coenen, seconded by Moore to adjourn.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sally Kenney
Clerk