

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY

28, 2017

Chair Alderperson John Belanger called the meeting to order at 5: 30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ALDERPERSONS PRESENT: Chair John Belanger, Bryan Bitters, Jim Bohren, Tammy Rabe

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Michael Vandersteen, Assistant City Attorney Rose Simon, City Administrator Darrell Hofland, Director of Public Works David Biebel, Finance Director Nancy Buss, City Engineer Ryan Sazama, Superintendent of Streets and Sanitation Jason Blasiola, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry Joe Kerlin, Superintendent of Facilities and Traffic Mike Willmas, Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment Plant Sharon Thieszen, Purchasing Agent Bernie Rammer

PUBLIC PRESENT: Charlie KlimaMINUTESMotion by Alderperson Bohren, seconded by Alderperson Bitters to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

3.1 Res. 201 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.8) Resolution authorizing to enter into a contract for the 2017 Concrete Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Motion by Alderperson Bohren, seconded by Alderperson Bitters to approve Res. 201 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

3.2 Res. 202 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.9) Resolution authorizing to enter into a contract for the purchase of a Bobcat Toolcat and Spreader attachment.

Motion by Alderperson Bohren, seconded by Alderperson Bitters to approve Res. 202 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

3.3 Res. 203 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.10) Resolution authorizing to enter into a contract for the purchase of a Tack Applicator trailer.

Motion by Alderperson Bitters, seconded by Alderperson Bohren to approve Res. 203 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

PREVIOUS MATTERS HELD OVER FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

4.1 G.O. 42 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 6.4) General Ordinance repealing and recreating Sec. 110 - 37 of the Municipal Code relating to special assessments for street construction and resurfacing. ~ Res. 188 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.7) Resolution authorizing to establish a schedule of flat fees per foot to be levied as assessments for street improvements for the year 2017 pursuant to Sec. 110 - 37 (3) of the Sheboygan Municipal Code.

HOLD - Alderperson Bitters motioned, Alderperson Bohren seconded motion to HOLD. Motion carried.

Darrell Hofland distributed a spreadsheet regarding the transportation improvement plan which showed revenue and expenses for several years. He expressed concern on not having special assessment revenues with additional sales tax money being applied toward the cost of borrowing. Alderperson Belanger has issues with the various fees put on residents (special assessments, wheel tax, sales tax and garbage fee). The Eisner Avenue project is an example of how widow/widowers and fixed income residents are hit with special assessments. He has contacted various municipalities and discovered when the City of Appleton implemented a wheel tax, they immediately removed special assessments. Alderperson Belanger stated this proposal does not include City staff doing more projects inhouse which will reduce costs.

4.2 R.O. 219 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 7.6) Communication from Charlie Klima, 1405 Parkwood Boulevard, requesting to speak to the committee responsible for the policy concerning the cost of sidewalk repair after tree root problems.

Alderperson Bohren motioned, Alderperson Bitters seconded motion to file R.O. 219 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

Charlie Klima stated the City trees caused the problem with the sidewalk so the City should pay to fix the problem. Ryan Sazama explained when the sidewalk is replaced, the City pays up to 40 % of two squares damaged by a City tree. Department policy is when the sidewalk has to be replaced three times, staff will remove the tree and the resident will not have to pay after that. Mr. Klima questioned if the property changed hands several times, who would pay? The department does recognize trees are an issue. Joe Kerlin stated last year Council accepted a new management plan and the City is now planting of small, medium sized trees. Joe Kerlin stated we can learn from the past and fix the future. Ryan Sazama stated the tree comes down on the third time fixing the sidewalk or the tree is unhealthy. This rarely happens because of the tree roots being ground up on the trees.

ADJOURN

Motion by Alderperson Bitters, seconded by Alderperson Bohren to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Motion carried.