

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2016

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

Alderpersons Present: John Belanger, Bill Thiel, Bryan Bitters, Jim Bohren, Tammy Rabe-(6: 10 pm)

Alderperson Guests: Scott Lewandoske, Mary Lynne Donohue

Staff/Officials Present: City Administrator Darrell Hofland, Director of Public Works David Biebel, Assistant City Attorney Rose Simon, Finance Director Nancy Buss, City Engineer Ryan Sazama, Superintendent of Streets & Sanitation Jason Blasiola, Purchasing Agent Bernie Rammer, Supervisor Motor Vehicle Rick Ney, Supervisor Buildings & Grounds & Electrical Mike Willmas, Superintendent of Parks & Forestry Joe Kerlin

MINUTES Motion by Alderperson Thiel, seconded by Alderperson Bitters to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

3.1 DIRECT REFERRAL of Resolution No. 76 - 16 - 17 regarding extending the special charge for residential garbage and refuse disposal services provided by the City.

Motion by Alderperson Bitters, seconded by Alderperson Thiel to recommend the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 76 - 1 - 6 - 17 as is with the fee being \$5 /month for two years. Vote 3 - 1 (Alderperson Bohren voted against), motion carried.

Alderperson Belanger brought this resolution back to the committee because of the urgency to meet budget deadlines.

Alderperson Bitters feels residents were told the fee would go away and now looking at extending it indefinitely which he does not agree with.

Aldersperson Lewandoske voted against the fee but would change his mind in favor of a \$2.50 fee with a sunset in three years.

Aldersperson Donohue feels a \$5 fee is not much and would like to extend the garbage fee permanently as a "cost of business".

Aldersperson Thiel is in favor of keeping the fee with a sunset until City Hall is taken care of. If council does not pass this, they need to cut something. Those alderspersons that vote "no" need to tell residents what will be cut because the people need to know why you are voting no.

Aldersperson Bohren questioned if "cuts spending" and "cuts services" are different. When the garbage fee was started, what did other communities with deficits do? They cut budgets.

Director of Public Works David Biebel stated the Public Works budget in 2003 was \$7.9 million; in 2014 it was \$7.2 million. The department keeps hearing cut-cut-cut but we hear residents wanting potholes filled, trees trimmed, streets fixed, streets plowed, etc. Daily services and demands are increasing and not enough resources to complete them. In addition, the state has reduced revenues back to the cities. The department is already cutting revenues and not looking at the expense side of it. New residential costs continue to rise such as cell phones, cable tv, cost of living, etc. which comes down to service and what we do for our community. In the past, the Public Works department had Supervisors underneath the Superintendents, those positions were eliminated. Sacrifices have been made and it gets frustrating to see no recognition for it. We see everyday what needs to get done and we don't have the resources to do it. The ramifications of the councils decisions need to be heard.

City Administrator Darrell Hofland has identified costs continue to escalate, especially constructive costs. Roughly two years ago, there was a comprehensive street program in place. If the fee is eliminated, borrowing would need to increase.

3.2 General Ordinance No. 15 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 6.2) amending Section 74 - 63 of the City of Sheboygan Municipal Code entitled "Fire Control" so as to eliminate recreational fires on beaches.

Motion by Aldersperson Thiel, seconded by Aldersperson Bohren to file General Ordinance No. 15 - 16 - 17. Aldersperson Bohren withdraws, motion fails. Motion by Aldersperson Bohren, seconded by Aldersperson Bitters to HOLD General Ordinance No. 15 - 16 - 17 and investigate other community practices, Vote 4 - 1 (Aldersperson Thiel voted against), motion carried.

Superintendent of Parks & Forestry Joe Kerlin would like to see fire rings banned from the Sheboygan beaches, including the July 4 holiday. There are currently four fire rings on the beaches. Cleanup complaints came from park employees, police officers, and a volunteer group that was set up to clean the fire rings. Fires are not being held in the rings and are messing up the beach causing a hazard to the area. The day after the July 4 holiday, the parks

department had 18 people working 6 hours on cleanup duty.

Aldersperson Donohue questions educating people and stepping up law enforcement.

Aldersperson Belanger received two communications from the fire chief stating cleanup was overwhelming and the volunteer group turned out to be big problem. He would like the Police and Fire Chief's to attend the next meeting to get their opinions on the matter.

Aldersperson Bitters stated spending money to administer it would never catch up to time/effort/money to clean up.

Aldersperson Bohren feels there should be a cost for the permit along with a deposit for clean up. If the ring is not cleaned up, no deposit return.

Aldersperson Thiel would like a happy medium to continue fires on the beaches. He feels the police department should know where the rings are and be patrolling the area. If they aren't, they need to be accountable.

Aldersperson Lewandoske questioned how much time/money employees spend on cleanup and what is the cost to haul away the debris.

3.3 Resolution No. 62 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 5.7) authorizing the Purchasing Agent to enter into contract for the purchase of a 2017 Freightliner M 2 Cab and Chassis to replace the current 2004 model sign maintenance truck chassis for the Department of Public Works. Motion by Aldersperson Bitters, seconded by Aldersperson Thiel to recommend the Common Council approve Resolution No. 62 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

3.4 Resolution No. 70 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.7) authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Forestry to apply for a cost-share grant from the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of purchasing street trees as part of the City's program to mitigate the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Motion by Aldersperson Thiel, seconded by Aldersperson Rabe to recommend the Common Council approve Resolution No. 70 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

3.5 Resolution No. 71 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.8) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to advertise for a request for proposal for a Park Impact Fee Study for the City of Sheboygan.

Motion by Aldersperson Bitters, seconded by Aldersperson Thiel to recommend the Common Council approve Resolution No. 71 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

This fee affects only new development such as the 8 th Street apartments.

3.6 Resolution No. 73 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.10) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to enter into a revised State/Municipal Agreement (dated July 27, 2016), I.D. 4630 - 05 - 00 / 71 for design and construction for the STH 42 Calumet Drive Reconstruction from Main Avenue to North 26 Street scheduled for 2016 construction.

Motion by Alderperson Thiel, seconded by Alderperson Bitters to recommend the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 73 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.

3.7 Resolution No. 74 - 16 - 17 (Council Doc. 4.11) authorizing the appropriate City Officials to enter into a revised State/Municipal Agreement (dated March 16, 2016), I.D. 4996 - 01 - 53 / 54 for design and construction for the Sidewalk Gap Improvements.

Motion by Alderperson Bitters, seconded by Alderperson Thiel to recommend the Common Council to approve Resolution No. 74 - 16 - 17. Motion carried.ADJOURN