

**MINUTES OF THE
IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
ROOM 207, CITY HALL
6:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS: Brian Danzinger, Joe Moore, David Nennig, Jerry Wiezbiskie

1. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on February 24, 2016.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on February 24, 2016. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the agenda.

To accommodate those in attendance, Item number 4 will be discussed first and then the Committee will return to the proposed agenda.

A motion was made by Ald. Wiezbiskie and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Request by Ald. Thomas DeWane that the City Council support a resolution requesting that the WI Assembly and Senate restore local rights for municipalities to be the final government body to determine where and if cell towers are to be placed within City limits.

This item was discussed Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Protection and Welfare (P&W) Committee meeting. Department of Public Works (DPW) recommends to receive and place this item on file.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to receive and place on file the request by Ald. Thomas DeWane that the City Council support a resolution requesting that the WI Assembly and Senate restore local rights for municipalities to be the final government body to determine where and if cell towers are to be placed within City limits. Motion carried.

4. Request by Ald. Steuer to look at the current docking, slip rental, and other maritime issues on the Fox River and to report out on the findings.

Director Grenier indicated that he had corresponded with Ald. Steuer earlier. DPW suggested preparing a report on current policies and practices for docking adjacent to City-owned property along the Fox River. The report would address where transient docking is available, where rental docking is available, any amenities available, which department is responsible for permitting docking, and what is allowed/prohibited. This report could be brought back in April for discussion.

Ald. Steuer stated he has had conversations with various residents who boat on the Fox River. Currently there are no provisions for boaters to moor overnight in the downtown area. The boating community has expressed a concern that when they

participate in downtown events, such as Fridays on the Fox, they do not have convenient locations to moor overnight. It is important for the City to not overlook this segment of the population, after all the City is looked at as a port city. Ald. Steuer stated that the boating community could self-police themselves. The Ald. stated that the boaters currently go to other cities along the bay because overnight facilities are available. The City of Green Bay should provide facilities so we can receive some of the economic benefits of the downtown visitors arriving by boat.

The floor was opened for discussion.

Bill Schumacher, 312 Conover Drive, presented a typed list of his proposal. Presently there is no overnight docking downtown. He is not asking for amenities to be provided. The current ordinance does not allow overnight stays at the current docking facilities. There would be no cost to the City other than changing out the signage. His proposal includes a quiet time after 11:00 p.m., all vessels shall have an occupant on board after 11:00 p.m., the vessel owner would have to register with the Green Bay Police Department similar to overnight parking and all overnight docked boats must leave the dock by 10:00 a.m.

The floor was closed for discussion.

Director Grenier stated that no overnight docking is allowed on City Deck due to restrictions of the grant money received to build City Deck.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Wiezbiskie to refer to staff the request by Ald. Steuer to look at the current docking, slip rental, and other maritime issues on the Fox River and to report out on the findings. Motion carried.

5. Request by Ald. Zima, on behalf of the residents of Green Bay, that the Public Works Department make a comprehensive study of the storm water sewer system in Green Bay and further that the department provide for council consideration an estimate of the cost of updating our sewer system to resolve the ongoing water problems that continue to plague numerous neighborhoods. Also referred to Advisory Committee (referred back from March 1, 2016 Council meeting).

Ald. Zima could not attend tonight's meeting and had asked for this item to be held. Director Grenier stated that he will not be in attendance at the next meeting and asked the Committee to hold this item until the first meeting in April, 2016.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Wiezbiskie to place on hold until the first meeting in April 2016 the request by Ald. Zima, on behalf of the residents of Green Bay, that the Public Works Department make a comprehensive study of the storm water sewer system in Green Bay and further that the department provide for council consideration an estimate of the cost of updating our sewer system to resolve the ongoing water problems that continue to plague numerous neighborhoods. Motion carried.

6. Review and approval of the 2015 Annual Storm Water Report.

Director Grenier reviewed the 2015 Annual Storm Water report, highlighting DPW efforts in 2015. DPW completed the sixth year of the on-going Outfall Field

Screening/Inspections of all scheduled major/minor outfalls. No significant detections were identified during the beginning of the second rotation of field screening. The City continues to utilize the Neenah Enviro-Friendly curb head for inlets and continue to place inlet markers. City of Green Bay seasonal employees did a significant amount of, approximately 3,000, erosion control compliance inspections due to the Notice of Non-Compliance that the City received in the spring of 2015. In 2015, DPW staff and the City of Green Bay assisted and partnered with MacArthur Neighborhood Association and Sanimax, with their spring clean-up of Beaver Dam Creek. City staff (Engineering and Building Inspection) participated in a one day erosion control session presented by Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium (NEWSC) personnel during October 2015. City completes bi-annual inspections of all of our storm water quality ponds to look for significant deficiencies such as plugged outfalls, excessive animal burrows within the pond berms, and whether there is any notable decrease in life expectancy. The water quality ponds are of such an age that to date we have not yet completed surveys of the sedimentation depositions and the need to remove the excess sediment. The City performs garbage and debris clean up from around the facilities and cuts some of the vegetation on an as-needed basis. The City has also employed the services of a trapper to try and reduce the muskrat population at nineteen (19) of our wet storm water facilities during the 2015-2016 winter season. Eighty-five (85) muskrats have been trapped. Storm water facilities completed in 2015 include the permeable pavement parking lot at Bay Beach Amusement Park and the bio-filter system at Perkins Park. Storm water facilities or restoration projects that were started in 2015 include Mossy Oak Storm Water Facility and Ravine Restoration, Superior Road Storm Water Facility, the Elizabeth Street H&H study and storm sewer upsizing project, and addressing the City-wide high storm water issues. DPW Operations division had completed another successful year of street sweeping and fall leaf collection.

DPW staff requests the approval of this report and authorization to sign the report and submit it to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR).

A motion was made by Ald. Wiezbiskie and seconded by Ald Nennig to approve the 2015 Annual Storm Water Report and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign and submit the report to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Motion carried.

7. Review and award of the contract PARKS PROJECT 1-16: JOANNES STADIUM LIGHTING.

Director Grenier stated that this item is an informational item only. The only bid received was much higher than the budgeted amount. The project will not be awarded. The project scope will be revisited and modified and the project will be re-bid. The major item that will be revised will be the project schedule. DPW recommends that this item to be received and placed on file.

A motion was made by Ald. Wiezbiskie and seconded by Ald. Nennig to receive and place on file the contract PARKS PROJECT 1-16: JOANNES STADIUM LIGHTING. Motion carried.

8. Applications for Concrete Sidewalk Builder's Licenses by the following:
 - A. Holtger Bros., Inc.
 - B. Baeten Concrete LLC
 - C. Fischer Ulman Construction, Inc.
 - D. R.G. Hendricks & Sons Construction, Inc.
 - E. Jim Fischer, Inc.
 - F. In The Countryside Concrete

All of the applicants have held a Concrete Sidewalk Builder's license in the past and DPW recommends approval of all the applications.

A motion was made by Ald. Wiezbiskie and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the applications for Concrete Sidewalk Builder's Licenses by the following:

- A. Holtger Bros., Inc.
- B. Baeten Concrete LLC
- C. Fischer Ulman Construction, Inc.
- D. R.G. Hendricks & Sons Construction, Inc.
- E. Jim Fischer, Inc.
- F. In The Countryside Concrete

Motion carried.

9. Applications for Tree & Brush Trimmer Licenses by the following:
 - A. Holtger Bros., Inc.
 - B. J & D Services
 - C. Castro Tree & Stump Removal

All of the applicants have held a Tree & Brush Trimmer's license in the past and DPW recommends approval of all the applications.

A motion was made by Ald. Wiezbiskie and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the applications for Tree & Brush Trimmer Licenses by the following:

- A. Holtger Bros., Inc.
- B. J & D Services
- C. Castro Tree & Stump Removal

Motion carried.

10. Application for an Underground Sprinkler System License by Yesterday's Trees, LLC.

Yesterday's Trees LLC has not held an Underground Sprinkler System license in the past. The process of installing an underground sprinkler system involves hiring a licensed plumber to install the backflow preventer and if there is work in the right-of-way the property owner and contractor must enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with the City. Considering the number of checks and balances, DPW recommends approval of the application.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the application for an Underground Sprinkler System License by Yesterday's Trees, LLC.
Motion carried.

11. Director's Report on recent activities of the Public Works Department.

Director Grenier referred the Committee members to the Overflow Trash and Bulk Household Item Collection Notice in their packets. The notice will be published in the newspaper today and on March 11, 2016. The overflow pick-up is scheduled for the week of March 14 through the 18th. Collection crews have already seen and collected overflow this week. The Director advised the Committee members to expect calls from residents regarding rescinding early set out fees issued this week. DPW does not have any intentions of granting any of those requests based upon the educational efforts expended by DPW.

The actual motion for Item number 1 on the February 24, 2016 Minutes contained a scrivener error; it should read Ald. Danzinger instead of Ald. Moore.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Wiezbiskie to receive and place on file the verbal Director's Report on the recent activities of the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.