

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – February 6, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona was called to order at 6:30 pm by Alderperson Kuhr.

Present: Alderperson Kuhr, Ms. Piliouras, Mr. Stolper, Ms. Busse, Ms. Gundlach, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell

Excused: Alderman Speight

Also Present: Mayor O'Connor, Alderman Wood, Josh Straka – Strand Associates, Brad Bruun – Monona Public Works, Dan Stephany – Monona Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Mr. Turino to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of January 2, 2019, was carried.

APPEARANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

6A: Review, discussion and consideration of the Monona portion of Atwood Avenue reconstruction design. Director Stephany introduced Josh Straka, the City's contracted engineer from Strand Associates. Mr. Straka has not been involved with this project to date, but at the City's request, met with engineers from the City of Madison to discuss the design for Atwood Avenue. Mr. Straka reviewed the stages of design, and reviewed the traffic analysis for Atwood. It was noted that the new design, through all the stages of design, had the one through lane from Madison to Monona, with left turn lanes at various intersections. Earlier versions included a bike path on the Monona side. A problem with that design is there are retaining walls and landscaping items that would restrict sight lines if a bike path were to be constructed. To avoid dealing with retaining walls and landscaping items the design changed, eliminating the bike path, adding bike lanes and keeping the sidewalk. To make it all work, one through lane was designed, with several left turn lanes at the intersections. Mr. Straka said he reviewed all the data that was created, looked at the various designs, and agreed with Madison, that it will work.

Mr. Straka did state he has some concerns with left turns into driveways, which would stack traffic in the through lane. It would be this way throughout the whole section in Madison.

Mr. Stolper asked if Monona has the ability to install No Left Turns during peak times on to Olbrich. The left turn would be from lanes in Monona, so yes, this could be signed per Monona Ordinances. No left turns into driveways cannot be restricted though. Mr. Stolper asked what can be done for Monona to accept the design as presented, but to have Madison agree to limit No Left Turns during peak times, to make the area safer at Dennet and at Margaret, similar to the committee's desire for this at Olbrich?

Mr. Besch asked why the left turn lane is so long for left turns on to Cottage Grove Road? The long left turn is for all the business access, which helps the signal as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, seconded Mr. Turino agreeing that Monona would recommend acceptance of the design as proposed, and to make the through travel lane safer in Madison, the City of Madison agrees to restrict left turns on to Dennet and Margaret during peak travel times was carried.

6B: Discussion and consideration of the Atwood Avenue engineering design contract with the City of Madison.

Director Stephany explained the Atwood Avenue cost sharing agreement between the City of Monona and Madison. Atwood Avenue is scheduled for reconstruction in 2020 or 2021, and will be led by the City of Madison. In Monona, the two southbound lanes from The East Side Club to Ferchland Place is Monona's portion of the project. Director Stephany stated the 2018 Capital Budget allocated \$70,000 for Monona's share of design cost. The City of Madison cost to date to complete design for Monona is \$68,200, and will be invoicing the City for this work. The agreement presented in the packet is similar to the agreement that Monona and Madison had for the reconstruction of Tompkins Drive, and Monona Drive. A similar agreement will be coming soon for Bridge Road. Attorney Cole did review the agreement and considers it acceptable for signatures.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Mr. Besch to recommend approval of the cost sharing agreement as presented was carried.

6C: Discussion and consideration of No Parking request for south Winnequah Road. Director Stephany explained the Ordinance request that establishes No Parking on south Winnequah Road from March 15th to November 15th, each year. Parking would be allowed outside of this date range. During late summer and early fall of 2018 a temporary no parking restriction was put in place by City Council. City Council passed the temporary no parking restriction to make the area safer for pedestrian and bicycle traffic during the busiest time for this traffic. The temporary restriction was lifted after September 30th.

Mayor O'Connor added that she has heard from several residents in the area asking about allowing parking during the winter and the holidays. Parking was allowed October through December 2018, and through the winter in 2019. Mayor O'Connor also added that Alderman Wood and Kuhr prepared a power point that explains the background of the situation, the narrow lanes, and why it's a problem. The power point is included in the packet. Mayor O'Connor said that she has also heard from several other people throughout the City about how this area is dangerous, that it's a problem and they hope the City does something about it. Mayor O'Connor explained the City will complete design engineering in 2019, with plans to make changes to the area in 2020. The street is dangerous because of it's design. The engineers will look at removing the bump-outs, parking bays, and sidewalks. The design will be done in 2019, and be presented to the public works committee later in 2019.

The No Parking area would be from Owen Road to Bridge Road. There will not be a permit program for parking. Mr. Podell stated he and his neighbors don't see a problem and almost never sees residents parking on the street. It is very rare when you see anyone parking on the street. Mr. Podell doesn't like the restriction and considers it a minor situation.

Mr. Besch asked what construction vehicles are allowed to do when they are working at a house. The vehicles will have to park in the driveways or park on an adjacent street.

Mr. Turino asked where utility vehicles would be allowed to park, and believes there is not an issue that needs to be addressed. Utility vehicles can park in the street when they are working in the right of way.

Mr. Stolper doesn't see a problem and believes we are creating a solution for a problem that doesn't exist. Mr. Stolper did say that if No Parking is approved, we can avoid having to put sidewalks in, there will be plenty of room for people to walk on the street in the bike lane. Eliminating parking frees up room with no need to build sidewalks. It's not fair or right to cut into the front yards to put sidewalks in.

Ms. Gundlach believes installing No Parking will make the area safer, as she frequently walks the area with her family.

Ms. Busse stated she is torn on this and doesn't like taking away parking. Though, the proposed plan seems that it would work. The temporary no parking has been completed and with minimal complaints.

A motion was made by Ms. Piliouras, seconded by Ms. Gundlach to recommend approval of the proposed No Parking on South Winnequah Road from March 15 – November 15 each year did not pass.

Voting yes: Ms. Piliouras, Ms. Gundlach, Ms. Busse

Voting no: Mr. Stolper, Mr. Turino, Mr. Podell, Mr. Besch

6D: Discussion and consideration of proposal to purchase DPW mower. Director Stephany explained Resolution 19-2-2323, purchase approval for a public works replacement mower. The 2019 Capital Budget includes \$33,000 for this purchase. The new mower will replace a 2007 John Deere 1435, which will be traded in as part of the purchase. Prices were obtained from Mid-State Equipment and Middleton Power Center for the John Deere 1575 mower. Mid-State Equipment provided the low price, including trade in for the old unit, for a final price of \$29,900. The new mower will come with a comfort cab for winter use, new rear discharge mowing deck, and a 60” two-stage snow blower attachment.

A motion was made by Mr. Podell, and seconded by Ms. Busse to recommend approval for the purchase of a John Deere 1575 mower from Mid-State Equipment for the final purchase price of \$29,900 was carried.

6E: Discussion and consideration of proposal to purchase a 2019 model year pickup truck. Director Stephany explained the packet information for the 2019 pickup truck purchase. The 2019 Capital Budget includes \$31,000 for this purchase, and the new truck will replace the 2012 Chevrolet Colorado, which will be passed on to the Right of Way Permit Program Coordinator. The new Ford F-150 SuperCrew pickup truck will be purchased from Ewald Automotive, who was awarded the contract through the State of Wisconsin Cooperative Purchasing Program. The purchase cost as provided through the State contract is \$28,844.

A motion was made by Mr. Podell, and seconded by Mr. Turino to recommend approval for the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-150 SuperCrew pickup truck from Ewald Automotive for the price of \$28,844 was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Turino, and seconded by Ms. Busse to adjourn was carried (7:45 pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works