

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND STREET MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Rasmussen, Gisselman, Abitz

Also Present: Marquardt, Lenz, Wesolowski, Gehin, Jacobson

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Noting the presence of a quorum, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

Approve minutes of the April 11, 2013, and April 23, 2013, meetings

Abitz moved to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2013 and April 23, 2013 meetings. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Approve initial resolution to vacate 5th Street between East Wausau Avenue and East Union Avenue

Rasmussen explained that the Wausau Woodchucks have proposed renovations to Athletic Park that would include the vacation of 5th Street. The public hearing for the vacation request would be held before CISM in July.

Abitz moved to approve the initial resolution to vacate 5th Street between East Wausau Avenue and East Union Avenue. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Approve initial resolution to vacate the alley abutting 2213 North 5th Street and 504 East Wausau Avenue

Rasmussen explained this is also part of the project to renovate Athletic Park. Abitz moved to approve the initial resolution to vacate the alley abutting 2213 North 5th Street and 504 East Wausau Avenue. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Discuss sale of 922 North 1st Avenue

Marquardt stated this City-owned property was advertised for sale; however, no bids were received. The City has owned the property for a number of years. It has recently come to staff's attention that the property next door is for sale. When that property is sold, the City could contact the owner to see if they would be interested in the property.

Abitz moved to retain ownership of 922 North 1st Avenue and revisit when the adjacent property is sold. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Approve Highway Safety Improvement Program application for railroad gates and interconnectivity at 1st Avenue and Stewart Avenue

Marquardt explained this is in conjunction with the Stewart Avenue project. A DOT representative was working on submitting the application to install gates on 1st Avenue and have the traffic signals turn green so cars can get off the tracks when a train is approaching. The application was submitted to the central office; however, the central office indicated that the City has to make the application. It would be a 90-10 split. The estimated cost is between \$200,000 and \$250,000, with the costs to the City between \$20,000

and \$25,000. This would be budgeted in 2015; however, the application needs to be submitted now. Rasmussen stated the intersection is notorious for traffic passing the stop line and stopping close to the tracks. Abitz questioned if gates would also be installed at 3rd Avenue. Marquardt replied that gates are not warranted there and traffic can proceed through the intersection. Gisselman questioned the need as it seems train traffic is diminishing. Marquardt stated it is a spur line that serves 3M and the rest of the line serves the Industrial Park.

Gisselman moved to approve the Highway Safety Improvement Program application for railroad gates and interconnectivity at 1st Avenue and Stewart Avenue. Abitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Approve amendment to State/Municipal Agreement for Grand Avenue from Kent Street to Division Street

Wesolowski explained with the amendment the cost to the City would increase from \$356,000 to \$521,000. The increase in costs is due to engineering costs rising because the project was expanded. Additionally, costs for street lighting and sidewalks came in higher than originally estimated. Also, the amendment outlines the use of CSS funding for LED street lighting. Abitz questioned if the CSS items are 100% funded. Wesolowski replied there are overruns on the CSS items, which the City will be responsible for. Marquardt explained the project is from Division Street to Kent Street, but the street lighting will continue to Lake View Drive so all of the lighting on Grand Avenue within the City limits will be LED. This would be budgeted for 2014.

Abitz moved to approve the amendment to the State/Municipal Agreement for Grand Avenue from Kent Street to Division. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Proposed 2014 Street Construction Projects

Wesolowski stated that each year a list is developed of streets that are in need of reconstruction. The list proposed for 2014 also includes new streets as part of the soccer complex and curling club developments. The new streets are Curling Way extended to Junction Street and Kent Street extended to the east of Curling Way. Wesolowski further explained that 14th Avenue, 16th Avenue, Golden Meadow Street, Silver Spring Street, Rose Marie Street, and Bissell Street have been proposed for reconstruction for the last two years, but were cut due to the budget. These streets are currently seal coated but the seal coat is at the end of its useful life. Other streets proposed for 2014 include South 6th Avenue from West Street to Garfield Avenue, North 7th Street from Spring Street to Crocker Street, Crocker Street from North 7th Street to North 13th Street, Scott Street from Bellis Street to 10th Street, McClellan Street from Bellis Street to Gray Place, 2nd Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Elm Street, and Clark Street from 2nd Avenue to the cul-de-sac. Streets are picked using pavement ratings and utility condition. Staff tries to keep proposed construction around \$2 million, which does not include storm sewer or utilities. Construction costs for Kent Street and Curling Way are proposed to come out of the street reconstruction budget. Wesolowski was wondering if there was any way to find money from another budget for the new streets as he has received calls on other streets needing reconstruction, such as Kent Street west of Grand Avenue, North 13th Street, and others. Marquardt also stated McClellan Street from 1st Street to 6th Street and Grant Street from 1st Street to 3rd Street are also in need of reconstruction, so staff would not have a hard time finding additional streets for reconstruction. Rasmussen stated 14th Avenue, 16th Avenue, Golden Meadow Street, Silver Spring Street and Bissell Street have been deferred twice. She has received complaints from residents that the street is deteriorating. Also, the Council has made commitments as far as access for the curling club and soccer complex. She does not have an issue with looking for alternative funding sources but does not believe there is an option to defer Curling Way and

Kent Street.

Gisselman echoed Marquardt's statement regarding the condition of some of the downtown streets and specifically mentioned the intersection of 1st Street and Scott Street. Wesolowski stated under the Stewart Avenue, 1st Street to 17th Avenue project, the DOT will also complete 1st Street from McClellan Street to Scott Street and Scott Street to the bridge. This project is scheduled for 2015. Gisselman added that Lake View Drive to North Central Health Care is also starting to deteriorate. Rasmussen stated the construction projects are approved under the CIP budget so the list will not get finalized until later this year.

Gisselman moved to approve the proposed 2014 street construction projects. Abitz seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Approve amendment to the Resolution approving the formation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Rasmussen stated three years ago CISM started the formation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. At that time the structure was set to include a committee member from Parking & Traffic, Public Health & Safety, and CISM, along with other members. Lenz explained there is a desire to clarify the composition of the committee and the terms served. The committee was created of standing committees and citizens members to follow the model of the MPO committee. There is a need to clarify the number of citizen members, how the members are appointed, and the length of term to serve. This amendment indicates that the committee is a special committee whose members are appointed by the Mayor and that the committee will consist of seven citizen members to serve a term of two years.

Jacobson stated she received a list of questions from the Mayor's office regarding the committee structure and appointment of members. These were not delineated in the resolution approving the formation of the committee. This is a special committee and under Robert's Rules and standing Council rules, the Mayor would appoint the members without Council approval. She suggested amending the resolution to add detail and/or restrictions. Rasmussen suggested adding a member with an engineering background as he could provide insight on what is feasible and possible with proposed projects. Gisselman questioned why the Police Department representative would be a voting member rather than a staff member. Discussion followed. Lenz stated he does not have a preference as to being a staff member or voting member, but felt including an engineering member may not be necessary. The committee does not always get into specifics where an engineer would be needed and staff has always been willing to attend meetings when requested. Rasmussen stated those currently serving will remain until April so the committee can take time to think about the proposed changes.

Abitz moved to defer approving the amendment to the resolution approving the formation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Future agenda items for consideration

There were no items offered for future consideration.

Adjourn

Abitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Gisselman seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.