

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: February 19, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lindman, Jacobson, Groat.

Also Present: Wesolowski, Gehin.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 2018 Alley Paving Project

Alley bounded by Fleming Street, Weston Avenue, Emerson Street, and Fairmount Street

Lindman explained the purpose of the meeting is to take comments from property owners regarding special assessments. The comments received are forwarded to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee which will meet March 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and will approve, disapprove or direct changes in assessments for the project and forward a recommendation to the Common Council. It is anticipated the Common Council will take action at the March 27, 2018 meeting. There were no objections to dispense with the reading of the official hearing notice.

Lindman indicated the 2018 assessment rate is estimated at \$12 per lineal foot. Lindman stated staff from the Engineering Department will be available after the public hearing if there are specific questions about individual properties or the work to be done under the project.

Wesolowski explained the actual amount per foot will be based upon the bid of the asphalt.

Lindman asked for persons in attendance who wished to speak regarding special assessments to come to the podium and give their name, address and comments.

Jeffrey Hinueber, 2006 Lamont Street, appeared on behalf of his mother-in-law who owns 1805 Fairmount Street. He stated in the past when there are a lot of potholes the City has responded with placing gravel and grading, which has been satisfactory. However, this is a reoccurring problem. One concern is the \$600 assessment, which is probably not totally unaffordable but is another bill. The other issue is at her property the alley appears to be slightly above the grade of the gravel pad to the garage. They are concerned a drainage problem could conceivably move water from the paved alley down to her home and create an ice rink in winter and possibly water in the garage in the summer. He assumes being a gravel alley there is some absorption capacity that would not be present if paved.

Elisabeth Atwell, 1805 Fairmount Street, wonders how many people on the alley actually use the alley. By her count there are five that do with possibly eight that do not.

Janet Schoenfeldt, 1809 Fairmount Street, assumes the special assessments of the property are divided with the neighbor across the alley. Wesolowski indicated the total cost of the asphalt is split by the assessable footage of the property. Everyone along the alley would share in the cost.

There were no further comments offered and the public hearing was closed.

Groat moved to adjourn the meeting. Jacobson seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.