

AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF BARABOO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members noticed must notify Committee Chairman Wedekind at least 24 hours before the meeting if they will not be able to attend.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 – **1:00 P.M.**
Location: City Services Center – 135 4th Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Members Noticed: Phil Wedekind, Tom Kolb, Michael Plautz
Others Noticed: Administrator E. Geick, Mayor M. Palm, Police Chief M. Schauf, Fire Chief K. Stieve, T. Pinion, R. Koss, W. Peterson, E. Robkin, Media, and Library.

1. Call to Order

- a. Note compliance with the Open Meeting Law.
- b. Roll call.
- c. Approve agenda.
- d. Approve minutes of May 2, 2016 Public Safety Committee meeting.

2. New Business

- a. Review City's Special Assessment procedure for new sidewalks and consider an alternative procedure utilizing a special charge.
- b. Consider imposing a parking restriction on Waldo Street between South Blvd and Quarry St.
- c. Consider imposing a parking restriction on the west side of Broadway north of 7th Ave.
- d. Consider request for a Handicap Accessible Parking Stall on west side of Oak Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, near Yarns Art Café at 401 Oak Street.
- e. Consider request by Gary Zellmer, owner of the property at S4159 CTH A in the Town of Baraboo, to connect to the City's watermain on CTH A.
- f. Review and Approval monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers for May 2016.

3. Reports

- a. Utility Superintendent's Report
- b. Street Superintendent's Report
- c. Police Chief's Report
- d. Fire Chief's Report

4. Adjournment

Phil Wedekind, Chairperson

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Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – May 2, 2016

Members Present: Phil Wedekind, Tom Kolb, and Mike Plautz. **Others Present:** Tom Pinion, Ed Geick, Wade Peterson, Chief Schauf, Mike Palm, Alene Kleczek Bolin.

Call to Order - Committee Chairman Phil Wedekind called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers, 135 4th Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve the agenda as posted and by voice vote, the motion carried. It was moved by Plautz, seconded by Kolb to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting. By voice vote the motion carried.

New Business

- a. Review Bid Tabulation and Recommend award of 2016 Public Works Contracts – Engineer Pinion presented to the Commission and recommended award of the respective contracts to the low bidders. It was moved by Kolb. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to recommend award all bids to the low bidders. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Review Bid Tabulation and Recommend award of 2016 Public Works Proposals – Pinion said that these proposal are for the Highway 12 Median Mowing, the Mowing of Noxious Weeds and Rank Growth, and Sidewalk Grinding. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to recommend award the 2016 Public Works Proposals to the low bidders. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Review Bid Tabulation and Recommend award of 2016 Street Reconstruction projects – Pinion said that the City has an aggressive year, looking at doing roughly \$1,000,000 in local streets and very competitive bids were received. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to recommend award of Proposal A to Dean Blum Excavating and Proposals B, C, and D to A-1 Excavating. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Review and approve a joint sealcoat project with the Village of West Baraboo on Connie Road – Pinion said that a proposal was included in the packet from Scott Construction, where they quoted the Village of West Baraboo for redoing all of Connie Road, from Highway 33 all the way up to Terrytown. He said that since the 60-acres of the Campus property is in the City of Baraboo, the City technically has the maintenance responsibilities to the centerline of the road. Therefore, the Village has asked the City if we would be willing to participate in a joint project with them. The price of a double sealcoat would be just under \$10,000. Kolb asked if West Baraboo took competitive bids on this project. Pinion said that he didn't know if they formally bid it; however, they did get prices from two different companies, Farhner, and Scott, with Scott being the lower of the two. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve a joint sealcoat project with the Village of West Baraboo on Connie Road for the Campus frontage. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Baraboo Public Arts Association's proposal to "beautify" the fire hydrants and trash receptacles in the downtown area – Mayor Palm said that Morgan McArthur of the Baraboo Arts Association came up with an idea that kind of do something that would be low cost and make the City special. It was felt that it would be a good idea to do something with the fire hydrants this year and expand it to some of the trash receptacles next year. This is no cost to the City, it would be artists that would come in and would like to do it the same day as the Art Fair On The Square. He said that there are nine hydrants in the downtown area that they would like to do art on. Palm then presented a sample that McArthur did to a hydrant on the corner of 5th and Ash Street. Kolb asked if this would be the standard design or would they all be different. Mayor and Geick said that there would be nine or ten different artists; therefore, they would all be different. All artists have been told their parameters and McArthur will be in charge what would be allowed. Geick said that it will be worked out with Peterson and all will be given a list of rules. A question was raised about the time-limit of painting. Peterson said that hydrants are painted about every 20 years and the downtown hydrants were painted approximately three years ago. Pinion asked if the markings are only visible for the pedestrians or will it be all around the hydrant where the motors can see them also. Palm said that they will be more embellished from the sidewalk side. It was moved by Plautz, seconded by Kolb to approve the proposal from the Baraboo Public Arts Association. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Review the Commissioner of Railroad's determination to change the crossing signals at the Vine Street RR Crossing – Pinion said that Wisconsin Southern Pacific petitioned to remove those since they weren't functioning very well, and there is such low volume; therefore, the City could get away without any formal signals whatsoever. Therefore, the markings are the standard cross bucks with a yield sign behind them.
- g. Consider adding a Communication Tower Application Fee to the City's Official Fee Schedule – Pinion said every couple of years the fees scheduled is looked at to see if any adjustments need to be made and with Atty. Kleczek Bolin's background with the County, where they have dealt with communications towers far more than the City, it was felt that an application fee would be appropriate. He said that this is a relatively time-consuming item for staff and then ultimately if it progresses to negotiate the leases, etc. He said that there are two categories, one for leasing city-owned facilities, such as the water towers and the other would be for a stand-alone tower, such as the Jackson property is. Attorney Kleczek Bolin handed out documents to the Commission explaining tower fees that talks about what the application fee is for a lease. She said that whenever someone wants to apply to have a lease to use City property for a tower, or for putting on some existing equipment the City would require them to have a fee, around \$1500 is reasonable. This fee would be for the time it takes to negotiate the lease and effort to figure out exactly what is wanted and where it is wanted. It was stated that there would be a \$2500 application fee for the tower and also the fee for the conditional use permit for the tower. It was stated that by State Statutes the \$2500 fee is the most that can be charged, and there are different levels. It was stated that the fee would have to be paid upfront and would be a non-refundable fee. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to move forward with adding a Communication Tower Application Fee to the City's Official Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Review and Approve Revisions to the City's Official Fee Schedule for Utility Rates – Pinion stated that this is updating the fees to reflect what was approved through the PSC and what the Council has approved in terms of regular fee increases. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to recommend approval of the revisions to the City's Official Fee Schedule for Utility Rates. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Review and Approve monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers for March and April 2016 – Peterson said that most of March's were for freezing during winter months and the two bigger adjustments for April were for the swimming pool, and a coding error for Teel Plastics. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz for approve the monthly billing adjustments/credits for Sewer and Water customers for March and April as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. **Utility Superintendent's Report** – Peterson showed two videos about pipe bursting and the project on Water Street. During the videos Peterson narrated the process, saying that it went very well. Peterson said that both crews are on ten hour days. This week they will be exercising valves and flushes more hydrants. The Wastewater crew is jetting sewers and as soon as the weather is better they have two more days of hauling bio-solids out.
- b. **Street Superintendent's Report** – Koss said that they have been through the city twice picking up brush and leaves, all stump holes are filled, strawed, and seeded. He said that they are starting some of the digs, a lot of which are for Utilities. He said once digs are done they department will begin crackfilling.
- c. **Police Chief's Report** – Chief Schauf that he has received an anonymous donation to the City in the amount of \$5,000 for the use toward the purchase of body-worn cameras. He said because of the donation he was able to mix around some money in his budget and there will be ten cameras as soon as they are available. He said that the department is getting into the busy season with all festivals and fairs that will be coming. He reported that at the PFC meeting they approved to move forward to fill a second school resource officer. He said the goal is to interview before the end of the school year and have the position ready for the start of next school year.
- d. **Fire Chief's Report** – Chief Stieve was not present.

ADJOURNMENT – Kolb moved, Plautz seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Wedekind, Chairman

MEMORANDUM

City of Baraboo

Date: May 26, 2016

To: Public Safety Committee

From: Tom Pinion

Re: Background for May 2nd Meeting @ 1:00 pm – City Service Center

New Business:

Item A. The City has traditionally followed the procedure for levy special assessments for sidewalk in accordance with Section 66.0703 of the State Statutes, which is a 3-step process that includes a Preliminary Resolution, a Public Hearing, and a Final Resolution. Alternatively, the City could follow the procedure for imposing a special charge for sidewalk under Section 66.0907 of the State Statutes, which is a 1-step process with no public hearing. I have included excerpts of the respective sections in the packet for your information. The payment options would remain the same under either procedure. I am looking for some direction from the Committee for future years' sidewalk projects.

Item B. The City has received several complaints about vehicles parked on the east side of Waldo Street between South Blvd and Quarry Street. They reportedly obstruct the vision of westbound drivers on Quarry Street attempting to turn left onto Waldo Street. The parked cars also “force” northbound cars on Waldo Street toward the centerline of Waldo Street which makes for a tighter turn for traffic turning onto Waldo Street from South Blvd, especially eastbound to southbound trucks.

Item C. The City has received a complaint about vehicles parked on the west side of Broadway just north of 7th Ave. They reportedly obstruct the vision of eastbound drivers on 7th Ave attempting to turn onto or cross Broadway.

Item D. Yarns Art Café has requested a handicap accessible parking stall near their business at 401 Oak Street, located on the northwest corner of 2nd and Oak. They are suggesting that such a stall be designated on the west side of Oak Street near the entrance to their business. There are 3 handicap accessible parking stalls in the public parking lot on the southeast corner of 2nd and Oak. I have asked DBI to review these types of requests but have yet to get any feedback.

Item E. The City received a request from the new owner of S4159 CTH A in the Town of Baraboo to connect to the City's watermain on the east side of CTH A rather than drill a new well. Section 13.15 of the General Code of Ordinances prohibits connections to properties outside the City Limits and includes a list of specific properties that are exceptions and will be allowed to connect to this watermain. A map of these “excepted properties” is included in the packet and as you can see, Mr. Zellmer's property is not one of those properties. Ideally, we would like properties to annex to the City of Baraboo prior to requesting water service. In this case, annexation is unlikely given its proximity to the City's corporate boundaries. In order to allow Mr. Zellmer to connect, the ordinance would need to be changed. Recent case law appears to preclude any sort of pre-annexation agreement in exchange for utility service.

Item F. This is the standing agenda item to review and approve monthly utility billing adjustments. The adjustments for May are included in the packet.

Have a great weekend. See you at the **City Services Center on Tuesday!**

66.0703 Special assessments, generally.

(1)

- (a) Except as provided in s. [66.0721](#), as a complete alternative to all other methods provided by law, any city, town or village may, by resolution of its governing body, levy and collect special assessments upon property in a limited and determinable area for special benefits conferred upon the property by any municipal work or improvement; and may provide for the payment of all or any part of the cost of the work or improvement out of the proceeds of the special assessments.
- (b) The amount assessed against any property for any work or improvement which does not represent an exercise of the police power may not exceed the value of the benefits accruing to the property. If an assessment represents an exercise of the police power, the assessment shall be upon a reasonable basis as determined by the governing body of the city, town or village.
- (c) If any property that is benefited is by law exempt from assessment, the assessment shall be computed and shall be paid by the city, town or village.

(2) The cost of any work or improvement to be paid in whole or in part by special assessment on property may include the direct and indirect cost, the resulting damages, the interest on bonds or notes issued in anticipation of the collection of the assessments, a reasonable charge for the services of the administrative staff of the city, town or village and the cost of any architectural, engineering and legal services, and any other item of direct or indirect cost that may reasonably be attributed to the proposed work or improvement. The amount to be assessed against all property for the proposed work or improvement shall be apportioned among the individual parcels in the manner designated by the governing body.

(3) A parcel of land against which a special assessment has been levied for the sanitary sewer or water main laid in one of the streets that the parcel abuts is entitled to a deduction or exemption that the governing body determines to be reasonable and just under the circumstances of each case, when a special assessment is levied for the sanitary sewer or water main laid in the other street that the corner lot abuts. The governing body may allow a similar deduction or exemption from special assessments levied for any other public improvement.

(4) Before the exercise of any powers conferred by this section, the governing body shall declare by preliminary resolution its intention to exercise the powers for a stated municipal purpose. The resolution shall describe generally the contemplated purpose, the limits of the proposed assessment district, the number of installments in which the special assessments may be paid, or that the number of installments will be determined at the hearing required under sub. (7), and direct the proper municipal officer or employee to make a report on the proposal. The resolution may limit the proportion of the cost to be assessed.

(5) The report required by sub. (4) shall consist of:

- (a) Preliminary or final plans and specifications.
- (b) An estimate of the entire cost of the proposed work or improvement.
- (c) Except as provided in par. (d), an estimate, as to each parcel of property affected, of:
 - 1. The assessment of benefits to be levied.
 - 2. The damages to be awarded for property taken or damaged.
 - 3. The net amount of the benefits over damages or the net amount of the damages over benefits.
- (d) A statement that the property against which the assessments are proposed is benefited, if the work or improvement constitutes an exercise of the police power. If this paragraph applies, the estimates required under par. (c) shall be replaced by a schedule of the proposed assessments.

(6) A copy of the report when completed shall be filed with the municipal clerk for public inspection. If property of the state may be subject to assessment under s. [66.0705](#), the municipal clerk shall file a copy of the report with the state agency which manages the property. If the assessment to the property of the state for a project, as defined under s. [66.0705 \(2\)](#), is \$50,000 or more, the state agency shall submit a request for approval of the assessment, with its recommendation, to the building commission. The building commission shall review the assessment and shall determine within 90 days of the date on which the commission receives the report if the assessment is just and legal and if the proposed improvement is compatible with state plans for the facility

which is the subject of the proposed improvement. If the building commission so determines, it shall approve the assessment. No project in which the property of the state is assessed at \$50,000 or more may be commenced and no contract on the project may be let without approval of the assessment by the building commission under this subsection. The building commission shall submit a copy of its determination under this subsection to the state agency that manages the property which is the subject of the determination.

(7)

- (a) Upon the completion and filing of the report required by sub. (4), the city, town or village clerk shall prepare a notice stating the nature of the proposed work or improvement, the general boundary lines of the proposed assessment district including, in the discretion of the governing body, a small map, the place and time at which the report may be inspected, and the place and time at which all interested persons, or their agents or attorneys, may appear before the governing body, a committee of the governing body or the board of public works and be heard concerning the matters contained in the preliminary resolution and the report. The notice shall be published as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, in the city, town or village and a copy of the notice shall be mailed, at least 10 days before the hearing or proceeding, to every interested person whose post-office address is known, or can be ascertained with reasonable diligence. The hearing shall commence not less than 10 nor more than 40 days after publication.
- (b) The notice and hearing requirements under par. (a) do not apply if they are waived, in writing, by all the owners of property affected by the special assessment.

(8)

- (a) After the hearing upon any proposed work or improvement, the governing body may approve, disapprove or modify, or it may rerefer the report prepared under subs. (4) and (5) to the designated officer or employee with directions to change the plans and specifications and to accomplish a fair and equitable assessment.
- (b) If an assessment of benefits is made against any property and an award of compensation or damages is made in favor of the same property, the governing body shall assess against or award in favor of the property only the difference between the assessment of benefits and the award of damages or compensation.
- (c) When the governing body finally determines to proceed with the work or improvement, it shall approve the plans and specifications and adopt a resolution directing that the work or improvement be carried out and paid for in accordance with the report as finally approved.
- (d) The city, town or village clerk shall publish the final resolution as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, in the assessment district and a copy of the resolution shall be mailed to every interested person whose post-office address is known, or can be ascertained with reasonable diligence.
- (e) When the final resolution is published, all work or improvements described in the resolution and all awards, compensations and assessments arising from the resolution are then authorized and made, subject to the right of appeal under sub. (12).

66.0907 Sidewalks.

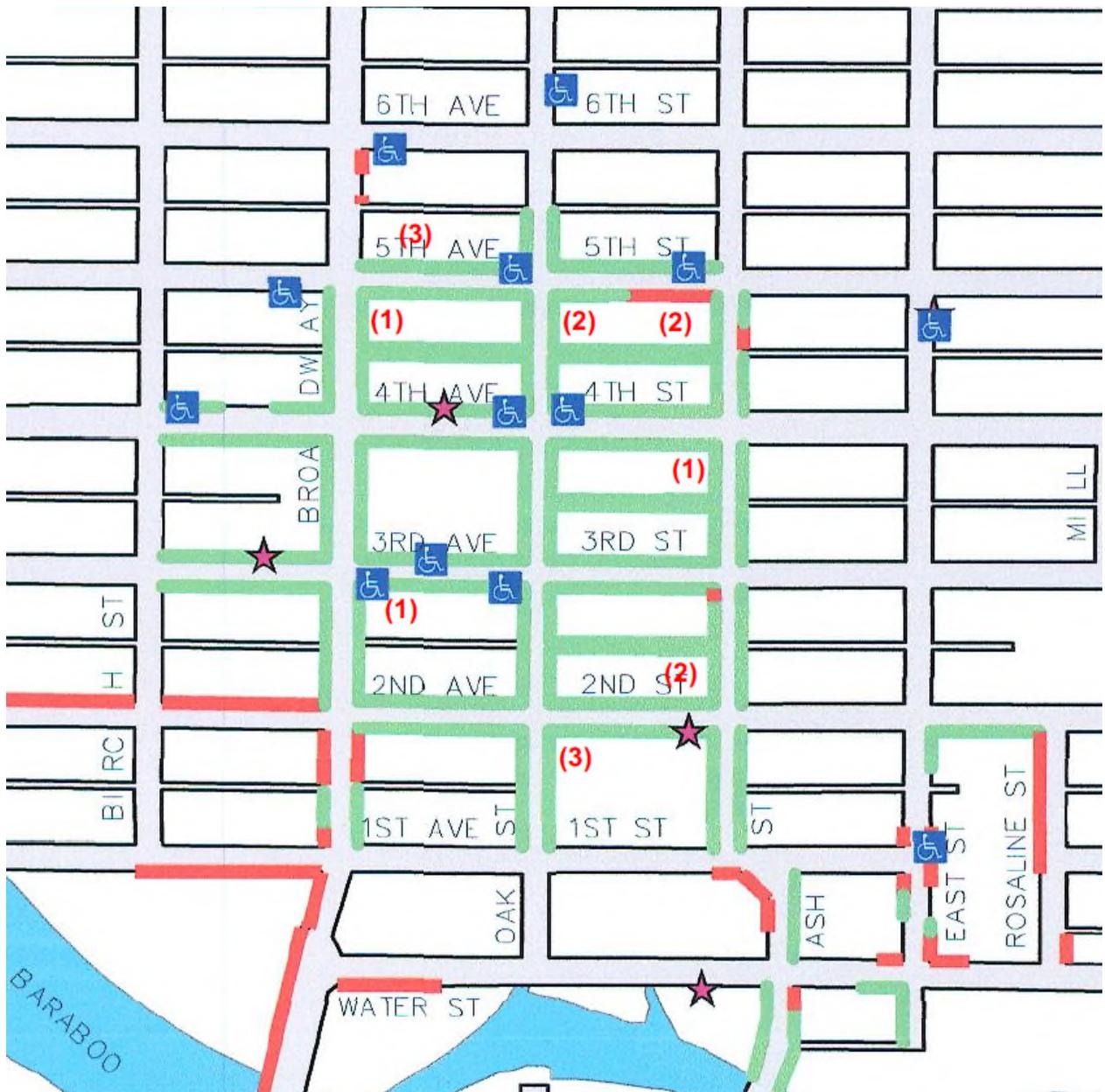
(1) PART OF STREET; OBSTRUCTIONS. Streets shall provide a right-of-way for vehicular traffic and, where the council requires, a sidewalk on either or both sides of the street. The sidewalk shall be for the use of persons on foot, and no person may encumber the sidewalk with boxes or other material. The sidewalk shall be kept clear for the use of persons on foot.

(2) GRADE. If the grades of sidewalks are not specially fixed by ordinance, the sidewalks shall be laid to the established grade of the street.

(3) CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.

- (a) *Authority of council.* The council may by ordinance or resolution determine where sidewalks shall be constructed and establish the width, determine the material and prescribe the method of construction of standard sidewalks. The standard may be different for different streets. The council may order by ordinance or resolution sidewalks to be laid as provided in this subsection.
- (b) *Board of public works.* The board of public works may order any sidewalk which is unsafe, defective or insufficient to be repaired or removed and replaced with a sidewalk in accordance with the standard fixed by the council.
- (c) *Notice.* A copy of the ordinance, resolution or order directing the laying, removal, replacement or repair of sidewalks shall be served upon the owner, or an agent, of each lot or parcel of land in front of which the work is ordered. The board of public works, or either the street commissioner or the city engineer if so requested by the council, may serve the notice. Service of the notice may be made by any of the following methods:
1. Personal delivery.
 2. Certified or registered mail.
 3. Publication in the official newspaper as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, together with mailing by 1st class mail if the name and mailing address of the owner or an agent can be readily ascertained.
- (d) *Default of owner.* If the owner neglects for a period of 20 days after service of notice under par. (c) to lay, remove, replace or repair the sidewalk the city may cause the work to be done at the expense of the owner. All work for the construction of sidewalks shall be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder except as provided in s. 62.15 (1).
- (e) *Minor repairs.* If the cost of repairs of any sidewalk in front of any lot or parcel of land does not exceed the sum of \$100, the board of public works, street commissioner or city engineer, if so required by the council, may immediately repair the sidewalk, without notice, and charge the cost of the repair to the owner of the lot or parcel of land, as provided in this section.
- (f) *Expense.* The board of public works shall keep an accurate account of the expenses of laying, removing and repairing sidewalks in front of each lot or parcel of land, whether the work is done by contract or otherwise, and report the expenses to the comptroller. The comptroller shall annually prepare a statement of the expense incurred in front of each lot or parcel of land and report the amount to the city clerk. The amount charged to each lot or parcel of land shall be entered by the clerk in the tax roll as a special charge, as defined under s. 74.01 (4), against the lot or parcel of land and collected like other taxes upon real estate. The council by resolution or ordinance may provide that the expense incurred may be paid in up to 10 annual installments and the comptroller shall prepare the expense statement to reflect the installment payment schedule. If annual installments for sidewalk expenses are authorized, the city clerk shall charge the amount to each lot or parcel of land and enter it on the tax roll as a special charge, as defined under s. 74.01 (4), against the lot or parcel each year until all installments have been entered, and the amount shall be collected like other taxes upon real estate. The council may provide that the street commissioner or city engineer perform the duties imposed by this section on the board of public works.

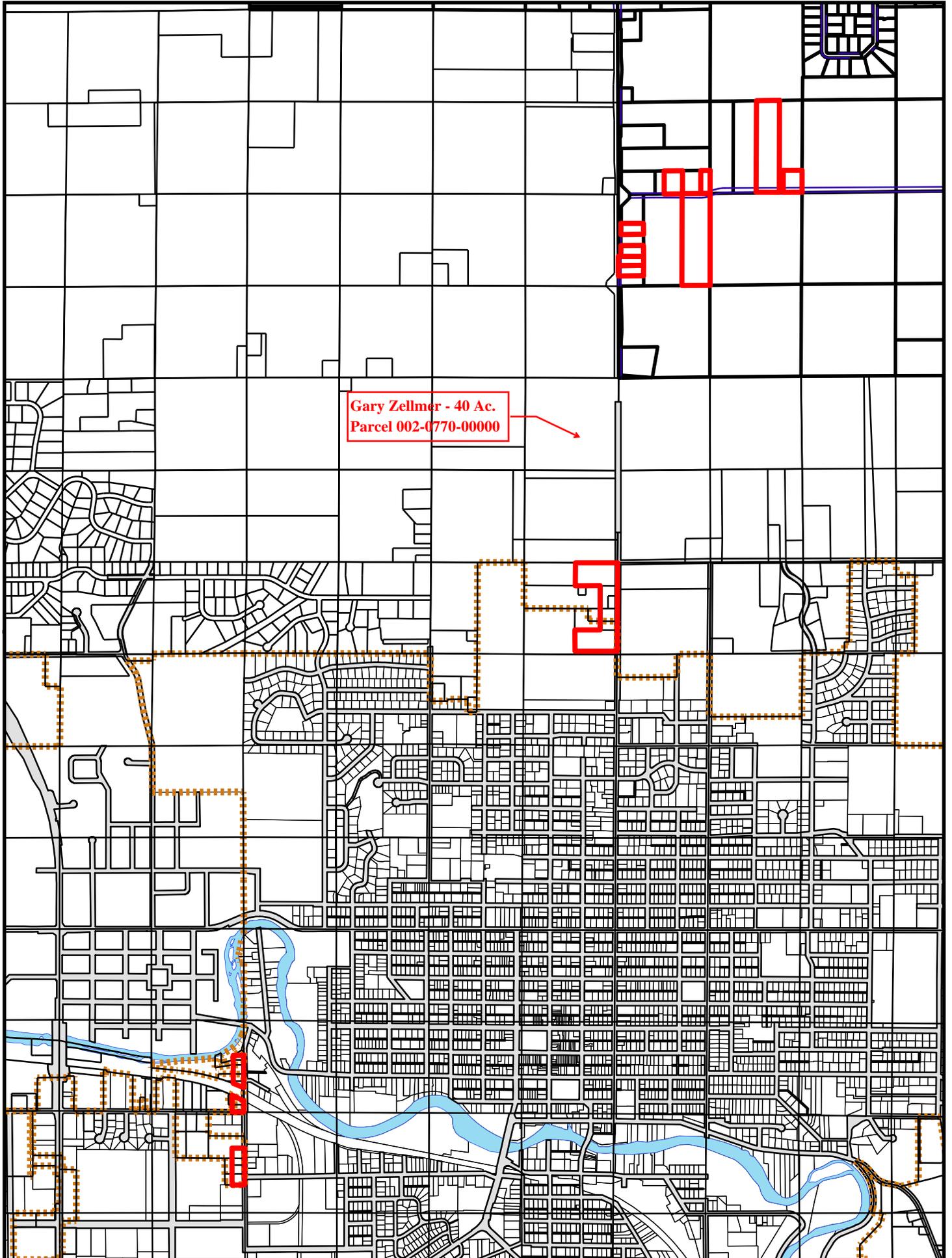
ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALLS IN DOWNTOWN BARABOO



Ten (10) On-Street Accessible Parking Stalls

Fifteen (15) Off-Street Accessible Parking Stalls (in Municipal Parking Lots)

OUTSIDE WATER SERVICE AREA



Report Criteria:

Types Selected: Assistance Applieds, Billing Adjustments

Name	Customer Number	Type	Description	Amount	Service
Billing Adjustment					
05/02/2016					
JOHNSON, JOHN	63-118000-00	BAAdj	PD 4/19---FOUND IN CLERKS DESK D	2.33 -	Multiple
Total 05/02/2016:				2.33 -	
05/03/2016					
GRADALL, KEN	68-113000-00	BAAdj	REMOVE PN-FINAL R/O	9.51 -	Multiple
Total 05/03/2016:				9.51 -	
05/05/2016					
REYES, CARMEN & PATRICIA	72-069000-02	BAAdj	REPLACED TOILET	14.30 -	Multiple
Total 05/05/2016:				14.30 -	
Total Billing Adjustment:				26.14 -	
Grand Totals:				26.14 -	

**Baraboo Police Department
Monthly Activity Report
April 2016**

Calls for Service	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Burglaries	2	12	15	-3	-20.00%
Thefts	40	138	157	-19	-12.10%
Check Welfare Mental	12	51	0	51	#DIV/0!
Mental Commitment	4	17	14	3	21.43%
Criminal Damage	10	29	23	6	26.09%
Assist other agencies	65	326	250	76	30.40%
Assists - West Baraboo	4	29	16	13	81.25%
Animal Complaints	13	50	74	-24	-32.43%
Total of all Calls	821	3,304	2,932	372	12.69%

Traffic Crashes	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Total Traffic Crashes	20	86	98	-12	-12.24%
Persons Killed	0	1	0	1	#DIV/0!
Persons Injured	4	20	18	2	11.11%
Pedestrians Injured	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!

Enforcement Activity	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Adult Notices of Appearance	72	360	345	15	4.35%
Drug Charges	7	59	47	12	25.53%
Traffic Citations	407	1993	1384	609	44.00%
OWI Arrests	4	28	23	5	21.74%
Seatbelt Violations	53	162	123	39	31.71%
Traffic Warnings	164	914	691	223	32.27%
Juvenile Offenses	35	172	183	-11	-6.01%
Curfew Violations	0	1	0	1	#DIV/0!
Underage Alcohol Citations	2	12	15	-3	-20.00%
Parking Citations	219	1,297	1,394	-97	-6.96%

Fines and Fees	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Court Fines	\$3,849.96	\$20,827.75	\$24,702.51	-\$3,874.76	-15.69%
Parking Fines	\$3,685.00	\$18,687.13	\$22,702.66	-\$4,015.53	-17.69%
Police Department Fees	\$228.05	\$337.73	\$703.65	-\$365.92	-52.00%



POLICE LINE

The Baraboo Police Department Newsletter

May, 2016

From the Chief

In 1962, President Kennedy named May 15 as the Police Officer Memorial day and the week surrounding it as "police week". This year, in Sauk County, we celebrated on Monday May 9 with a service at the Sauk County memorial in front of the Court House on Broadway. In all, 7 names of responders were added, including two officers from Baraboo police department. They were Officer Robert Marquardt and Chief Tom Lobe.

Tom Lobe was hired as the Chief of police in 1988 and served the citizens of Baraboo until he retired in 2001.

Robert Marquardt was a name lost to time until his daughter approached the department late last year. His story is all too common for the generation that served in WWII.

Robert O. Marquardt was a 24 year old police officer for the City of Baraboo when he enlisted in the United States Army to fight in WWII on 29 July, 1942. He left for basic training leaving his wife and young child at home and fathered a second child while on leave before deployment to the European theater. He was a Private First Class assigned as part of a two man machine gun squad for the US Army Infantry, 80th Division, 317 Regiment, Company C.

In the battle to take the town of Nancy, France on 17 September, 1944, Marquardt was killed by a German sniper. His brothers of

Company C located and eliminated the sniper, stripping his uniform patches to be sent home with Roberts's brother and presented to the family.

Robert was laid to rest back in Baraboo on December 9, 1948 with full Military honors at Walnut Hill Cemetery.



Chief Deputy Spencer reads the names added to the Sauk memorial in 2016

His family has graciously provided the whistle and baton he used as a patrol officer, along with his official police photo. They also donated the Purple Heart he won for the service and sacrifice, along with his dog tags. In WWII, the United States had what are commonly referred to as "Citizen Soldiers". These were the men that put aside their professions to fight for our Country with intent to return to their community when their service was complete. More than 400,000 of these men did not come home.

Anniversaries

In May, we celebrate the anniversaries of Detective David Frie, 12 years; Officer Brandon Vrchota, 7 years; Admin Assistant Megan Marshall, 2 years.

Awards

For the past few years, the department has taken time during Police Week to honor our officers and Citizens for jobs well done. This year, we recognized three community members for their work in helping the police department at a recent council meeting. At our department picnic, we also took a moment to recognize the officers for life saving awards and a Chief's Award.

Life Saving awards are among the most important awards we honor. This is an event where the actions of a police officer were directly involved in the preservation of life. Four officers were recognized for their efforts in three separate events over the past year. It included doing CPR on unresponsive parties and pulling an unresponsive female out of an apartment fire. The efforts of these officers are in the best of traditions of protecting life, our primary job.

Officer Erik Oakeson was also issued the Chief's award for his work throughout the year. It included his work on a homicide case as well as a fatal crash.