

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – April 27, 2015

Members Present: Phil Wedekind and Tom Kolb. Mike Plautz was absent. **Others Present:** Administrator Geick, Mayor Palm, Chief Schauf, Chief Stieve, Engineer Pinion, Bob Koss, Wade Peterson, and Kris Jackson.

Call to Order - Committee Chairman Phil Wedekind called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at the City Service Building, 450 Roundhouse Court, Baraboo, Wisconsin. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the agenda as posted and by voice vote, the motion carried. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2015. By voice vote the motion carried.

New Business

- a. Review Bid Tabulation and Recommend award of 2015 Street Reconstruction, Utility Extensions, & Park Improvements projects – Engineer Pinion said that bids were opened last Thursday for five different projects, one of them being the budgeted block of the street reconstruction, Washington Avenue, which came in at a competitive \$87,517 from Dean Blum Excavating; the entrance to Boo-U was D.L. Gasser at \$60,280.00; Commerce Ct. Utility Extension was LASAR Construction LLC at \$55,043.00; City View Park Asphalt Path & Basketball Court was D.L. Gasser at \$7,201.85; and Briar Street Asphalt Path was D.L. Gasser at \$13,964.00. Wedekind asked about the sidewalk at 8th and Park. Pinion said that in the budget there was money allocated for accessible new sidewalk, but we don't have to spend any money, because the school is doing it on their own as part of the referendum project. Therefore, there is money budgeted to tackle a couple of different areas of sidewalk if desired. Pinion said that he will include something in next month's agenda regarding Park Street, both sidewalk and park regulations. Kolb moved, Wedekind seconded to approve low bidders on 2015 Street Reconstruction, Utility Extensions & Park Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Review and Approval monthly billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers – Peterson said that the credits coded so that the Committee to see what the credit was given for. Five of them were because they had leaks and got them fixed and one was a glitch in the billing system. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve the billing adjustments Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Review request for Streetlights on Waldo Street, from Quarry Street to Parkside Avenue – Pinion said that there is sidewalk along the west side of Waldo, from Quarry to Parkside Avenue and nothing on the east side of the street. Alliant did confirm that they could light on the poles, there would be no out-of-pocket expense, and they would just add them to the regular monthly billing. Kolb asked the number of lights and Pinion answered four. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Wedekind to approve request for streetlight on Waldo Street, from Quarry Street to Parkside Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. Utility Superintendent's Report – Peterson said that they have started their annual sewer cleaning project and at this time they have taken a break to haul the bio-solids. He said that on the water side they have gotten numbers back from the painting contractor for the Mine Street tower to turn it into a gold ball, the price was \$28,500 and when he spoke with Clint from the Golf Course and he said no; however, he did ask if the City would consider going to more of the color scheme of their building. He told him that he would take a look at their paint scheme and bring it back to the committee. He said that personally doesn't care what the colors are; however, he does like the two-tone scheme.
- b. Street Superintendent's Report – Koss said that they have taken 161 trees down this year. All trees are ground except two, which will be done by tomorrow afternoon. He said that all the holes will be filled and seeded within the next couple of weeks. Smoke and ash from the incinerator was then discussed. Koss said that he will be putting gates up to stop people from dumping couches, mattresses, etc. He said that he has noticed a lot of brush coming in from out of town and the gates will be opened from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Pinion said that next month he will have some numbers and recommendations for a couple of dump boxes on trucks that are almost rusted out and beyond repair; therefore, he will be bringing a couple of options to the meeting. He said that there is money in the capital replacement account. It was stated that the engines, frames, and chassis are in great shape.
- c. Police Chief's Report – Schauf gave updates on hiring process, saying that they will be interviewing 20 candidates on May 7 and hope to establish a list the same day and start backgrounds right away. The department has been busy with parking tickets. He said that the department knows who is doing the graffiti; in fact, they have a confession and are working on getting charges. He said that the person has actually offered to help clean it up; however that is something that will be handled through the courts. He then said that they did an Emergency Operations Center Activation drill last week, a lot of good lessons learned, but a lot of areas that need improvements; however, a lot of things that are being done right also. Additionally, they will be training with the fire department next week on the Rescue Task Force Concept, which is a way in an on-going violence situation that they would be able to get victims out faster, save lives. Mayor Palm said the next time one is held, it would be good if the Committee would come and observe. Schauf said that the week of May 15 is proclaimed as Police Week. He said May 11 the Sauk County Respect for Law Ceremony will be held on the Courthouse Square at 8:30 a.m. He then also, during Council that week he will be giving out some citizen awards. He will also be doing a formal swearing in of the newest police officer.
- d. Fire Chief's Report – Stieve said based on the conversation last month he has reassigned some duties to the lieutenants, they will be in charge of preparing the training in conjunction with the list that has been developed through the group of officers. The safety duties went to one of the current captains. The maintenance chief was also given all the maintenance duties. He went on to say that the officer's wages are under review. He then explained the procedure that was taken for the Emergency Operations Center Activation drill that was held. He said that the drill was a great experience and said that Jeff Jelinik puts the City of Baraboo up against any municipality in the County and probably Statewide as far as being prepared. He then discussed the training grounds for the fire department. He said for the past several years firefighters have been sent down to The Fire Department Training Network in Indianapolis, which is a training center that they training on different functions and they learn under live fire conditions and what they use for this is shipping containers. He said that he has identified an area with the Street Superintendent by the leaf pile for that purpose. He said that with this training smoke will be some smoke; therefore, the next step would be to

get the blessing of the Committee, meet with staff, and then to have a neighborhood meeting. He said that he would like to move this along because they have eyes on some shipping containers in Richland Center for a very good price. Kolb asked if this could become a regional training facility. Stieve said that potentially. He said that he will be applying to become an instructor through MATC and there are other people that could apply. He said that the Citizens Police and Fire Academy Alumni Association has an annual golf outing and last year some of the money that was earmarked for the department was over \$1800 and he was told to use it toward the training center. Also, they will be pursuing the rest of money through the Firefighters Fund Raising Association. He said that there is approximately \$4,000 in the City donations account. He went on to say that he would also pursue the programs through Menards and Home Depot for materials. He said that there would be a fence around and if it were allowed he would put sponsorship advertisement on it. He said that they are working on creating a recruitment advertisement card that could be personally given to someone.

ADJOURNMENT – Kolb moved, Wedekind seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Wedekind, Chairman