

Public Works Committee Minutes

Regular Scheduled Meeting July 15, 2002

CITY SHOP, CONFERENCE ROOM

12:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Paul O'Brien at 12:10 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: P. O'Brien, L. Bradbury, M. Samuelson, Y. Jorgensen, G. Vanasse

Excused: K. Murphy, M. Shantz

Others Present: Clair Grifka, Public Works Director

Sandra Moseley, Administrative Assistant

Robert Strahan, Finance Director

Dave Marten, Resident

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None at this time.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/M G. Vanasse/M. Samuelson to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2002 meeting.

Unanimous

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None at this time.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Clair has been doing interviews and hiring for vacant positions and new positions. We have the new budget and are ordering materials and capital expenditures items. We have been working on some safety items such as our Hazard Communication Program and our

Emergency Action Plan. Bethel Heights Water Treatment Plant has had no breakdowns. We are still looking for CDL drivers for our Hauled Utilities Department. We have been grading, watering and spreading calcium on the roads. Committee member G. Vanasse asked about Tundra Ridge and Mr. Grifka stated that it is about ready and after Tundra Ridge we would like to start on the Avenues, 6th and Main, and definitely Uivuuq Subdivision. The V & E department has been checking out Nissan trucks that the City is buying from B.U.C... Committee Member G. Vanasse asked how many were being purchased. Mr. Grifka stated that we will be getting four trucks from B.U.C.

A: Recycle Report

None this meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Committee Member G. Vanasse liked the road work he was seeing and would like more calcium chloride put down. Committee Member M. Samuelson would like to have a PSA sent out on the calcium chloride. He would also like to have the culvert in front of O.N.C. cleaned out because it is about half full of sand and makes drainage almost impossible. Committee Member L. Bradbury stated that they have been using calcium chloride in Minnesota and it seems to be working well there. Committee Member Y. Jorgensen stated that she thought that the water and sewer line seems to be going good in City Subdivision.

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M L. Bradbury/G. Vanasse to approve the agenda with ITEM C: Chlorine in the water under new business is added.

Unanimous

M/M L. Bradbury/M. Samuelson to go to New Business first so the people that came to address the Committee could be heard first.

Unanimous

IX OLD BUSINESS

ITEM A: Ordinance 02-09

(Discussion Item)

With a few changes in wording and send back to Council.

ITEM B: Meeting Time (Discussion Item)

M/M G. Vanasse/P. O'Brien to leave meeting time the same.

Unanimous

X. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM A: Water and Sewer Vacation/Cancellation Policy.
(Discussion Item)

Mr. Rob Strahan stated that there is a major problem with vacation request. People are abusing the request. He also stated that the policy needs to be in the regulations. Committee member P. O'Brien would like to know if people are charged for service if they don't need it and call to cancel their service. Mr. Strahan stated that this is a fixed cost. Mr. Dave Martins stated that he doesn't see this as an abuse and why does it cost more to skip a house than it does to have a call out after dinner. Committee member G. Vanasse suggested that he go on an "on call" basis. Committee member Y. Jorgensen that that there should be a special meeting to look at the policy. Committee member G. Vanasse stated that we need an amendment for services.

Forward to next agenda.

ITEM B: Dust Control (Discussion Item)

The Committee members all felt that we should stick with the calcium chloride on the roads for the dust control

ITEM C: Chlorine in the Water

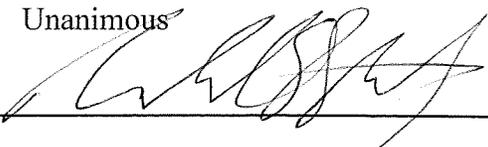
Committee member L. Bradbury feels that we should go back to potassium permanganate back in the system.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

M/M G. Vanasse/Y. Jorgensen to adjourn at 1:45PM.

M/M G. Vanasse/M. Samuelson to adjourn at 1:40PM.

Unanimous

ATTEST:  DATE: 9/12/02

~~Paul O'Brien, Chair~~



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