

**CITY OF NEW LONDON  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007**

Members Present: Chairman Gary Henke, Arien Herminath, Dennis Herter, Bill Kopitzke, and Tom O'Connell

Others Present: Jeff Galbraith, Earth Tech  
Phil Stecker, Outagamie County Solid Waste  
Frank Tiefert, Applied Technologies  
Steve Thompson, Utilities Manager  
Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Engineer  
Carol Radtke, Director of Public Works  
Louie Dresen, W.W.T.P. Supt.  
Bonnie Weidert,,Gordon Scherpke, Tom LeBeau, Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henke at 3:30 P.M. with a quorum present. Motion by Herminath/Herter to approve the agenda and change the order to accomodate Steve Thompson's schedule. All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Discuss Proposed Projects with Utilities & Waupaca County. Jeff Galbraith of Earth Tech noted that this project was initiated by the New London Utilities' request for the Public Works to partner on a water and sewer main project for portions of Wyman Street and Beacon Avenue. The Waupaca Co. Hwy. Dept. was invited to a joint meeting last month as they have jurisdiction over Wyman St. The results of that meeting was to consider a total reconstruction of the entire length of Wyman Street (from Cameron St. to Wolf River Ave.) and for Earth Tech to provide some cost estimates. Jeff Galbraith presented a table showing estimates, breakout of construction items and possible phasing of the project, for a city cost of 2 million dollars.

Director Radtke was advised by Dean Steingraber, Waupaca Co. Hwy. Commissioner, that his committee would be meeting on October 12th. They are prepared to make a recommendation to approve a joint Wyman St. Reconstruction project. The County suggested having a Public Information Meeting in the near future to allow comment on the road design, trees, sidewalk, bike trail, etc. Radtke also advised her Dept. would need time to set up for special assessments prior to bidding this project.

Motion by Herminath/Herter to recommend that the Council approve proceeding with the Wyman Street Project, to include a Public Information Meeting and a public hearing for special assessments. 4 voting aye. O'Connell voting nay. Motion carried.

3. Ordinance to Establish a Four-Way Stop at Intersection of Wolf River Ave. and Shawano Street. This Ordinance would allow Waupaca Co. Hwy. Dept. to put up temporary four-way stop signs at Wolf River Ave./Shawano Street intersection prior to the final reconstruction scheduled for 2008.

Motion by Kopitzke/Herter to recommend that the Council approve the ordinance for a four-way stop at Wolf River Ave. & Shawano Street intersection. All voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Resolution Related to Pearl Street Bridge Jurisdiction. This resolution provides the appropriate documentation to followup on the motion from our last meeting to keep the jurisdiction of the Pearl Street Bridge with Waupaca Co. Hwy. Dept.

Motion by O'Connell / Herter to recommend that the Council approve the Resolution Delcaring Jurisdictional Intent on the Pearl Street Bridge. All voting aye. Motion carried.

5. Bids for the Wastewater Influent Pump Upgrade. Frank Tiefert of Applied Technologies handed out the bid tabulation from the September 20th bid opening on this project. There were 6 bidders with prices ranging from \$1,197,000.00 from Staab Construciton of Marshfield to \$1,450,000.00 from Zeise Construction of Green Bay. Since the bids were approximately \$400,000.00 over the engineer's estimate, the staff investigated revising the specifications to reduce these costs. They have determined that it would be in the city's best interest at this time to re-bid this project.

Motion by O'Connell / Herter to reject all bids and move to re-bid this project. All voting aye. Motion carried.

6. Recycling Agreement Extension with Outagamie County. Outagamie Co. Solid Waste Director, Phil Stecker, did a presentation for the Board emphasizing the recycling benefits to the city since 1992. They are currently serving 32 municipalities. He noted that by lengthening the agreement terms for another 15 years, Outagamie County will be able to carry out long-term planning and program decisons to keep costs down. Questions and answers followed.

Motion by Herter / O'Connell to recommend that the Council approve the request from Outagamie County to extend the Recycling Agreement for another 15 years.

7. Inspection Report on Retaining Wall Along the Alley. Jeff Galbraith of Earth Tech provided and reviewed the Preliminary Engineering Reports of the Retaining Wall Repair Project. He pointed out 7 items for consideration and indicated that the retaining wall is in fair conditon, not at risk of failure, but in need of general maintenance and repairs. Chairman Henke suggested that the Board members and staff take time to review the report and be prepared to make recommendations at a future meeting.

8. Proposed 2008 Public works Construction Projects. Jeff Bodoh provided a list of construction projects for the Board to review. This involved two road reconstruction projects, the Eastridge Subdivision curb & gutter and paving, completion of the Wolf River/Shawano St. Intersection, sidewalk rehab. and general asphalt paving totalling \$319,000. Staff noted that projects could be changed due to budgetary constraints. Chairman Henke would like to review the D.P.W. 5 year plans at our next meeting.

Motion by Herminath / Kopitzke to recommend that the Council approve the 2008 Public Works Construction Projects as presented. All voting aye. Motion carried.

9. Discuss Future City Garage. City Administrator Hager has been negotiating with the owner of the former Simmons Property on the purchase of the 2 warehouses on this site for future city garage purposes. Jeff Bodoh received a cost estimate from Consolidated Construction of \$450,000 for the potential conversion of these buildings. The consensus was that the Garage Committee should meet as soon as possible to determine the direction they wish to take, so negotiations can continue in a timely manner.

8. Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. Reports were reviewed. Radtke informed the Board that Waupaca County Hwy. Dept. and City Street Division crews will be placing the 4-way Stop signs and marking the crosswalks at the intersection of Division St. and Beckert Road in the very near future.

9. Other Matters, if any. Kopitzke questioned the need for parking on the south side of Beacon Avenue, east of Mill Street. He indicated that semi trucks have difficulty getting around these cars when they are making a right turn off from Beacon Ave. and the drivers requested that he check into this matter. The Ad Hoc Traffic Committee will take this up at a future meeting.

There was also a question related to the signage on Fremont St. and Cook St. that was placed to accommodate Simmons employees. With Simmons gone, we need to amend the sign ordinances and remove those signs.

Motion by O'Connell / Herter to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.