

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORK MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

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

Others Present: Kent Hager, City Administrator
Carol Radtke, Director
Jeff Bodoh, Dept. Engineer
Dan Neely, Street / Park Superintendent
Mary Tate, 2nd District Alderperson
Mike Barrington, 3rd District Alderperrson

Dean Steingraber, Waupaca Co. Highway Commissioner
Waupaca County Highway Committee members: Chairman, Bob
Flease, Don Aasen, James Flink, Bill Jonely and Lloyd Mares

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henke at 4:30 P.M. Since the Waupaca Co. Highway Committee would be joining us at 5:00 P.M. the order of the agenda items were changed to accomodate. Motion by O'Connell/ Herter to approve the agenda as presented. All voting aye. Motion carried.

1. Approval of 3 Change Orders for E. Spring Street Sanitary Sewer Project. Wood Sewer and Excavating is asking for a Change Order on the E. Spring Street Sanitary Sewer Project to extend the completion date from September 7th to October 5th, 2007. The D.P.W. Engineer provided a timeline of events leading up to this request. Additonally, Jim Fischer, Inc. contractor for the curb and gutter and MCC, Inc., contractor for paving, need change orders to coordinate with Woods schedule. Motion by O'Connell / Herter to recommend that the Council approve the change orders for a time extension on the E. Spring Street Sanitary Sewer Project. All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Bid for Roof Replacement at the W.W.T.P.Office. The Wastewater office roof is deteriorated and needs replacement. Staff requested and received 4 bids for a new roof. There was a difference of \$139.28 between the 2 lowest bidders. After some discussion, there was a motion by O'Connell / Herter to recommend that the Council approve the low bid in the amount of \$15,750.00 from Ostrander Builders of Manawa. All voitng aye. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Traffic Committee's Request for Changes to the Wolf River Ave. and Shawano Street Intersection. There have been comments that the Wolf River Ave. / Shawano Street Hazard Elimination Project may be delayed until 2008. At the July 25th AdHoc Traffic Committee meeting the Police Chief stated that the accident statics show Wolf River Ave. / Shawano Street as the most dangerous intersection in town. The Board of Public Works wants to support the Traffic Committee's suggestion to have the County install four-way Stop signs as soon as possible, regardless of the delay in construction. Motion by O'Connell / Herter to recommend that Waupaca County Highway Dept. install a 4-way Stop to eliminate the safety hazard at the intersection of Wolf River Ave. / Shawano Street at their earliest convenience. All voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. The Director advised that the Police Dept. received some complaints about traffic visability due to the construction trailer for the MPB Church project being parked on Pearl Street. D.P.W. and Police Dept. will followup on resolving this.

5. Other Matters, if any. Henke requested the following items be on the agenda for the October Board meeting: Painting of the arrows on the Shawano Street Bridge and painting parking stalls on Lincoln Court by the Wolf River Theater Bldg.

6. Joint Meeting with Waupaca Co. Highway Committee to Discuss Projects: Dean Steingraber, Highway Commissioner and members of the Waupaca County Highway Committee joined the Board and called their meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Chairman Henke welcomed the committee. The following topics were discussed:

a. Wyman Street (CTH "X") / Beacon Ave. Reconstruction. Steve Thompson, Utility Manager made a presentation regarding future watermain replacement. Utilities have some portions of Wyman & Beacon watermain scheduled be replaced during the 2008 construction season. City has checked into the sewer replacement, which is not critical at this time. Since current construction bids are extremely low, he would like to partner with the city and county to cost share 1/3 of this road work. Dean Steingraber indicated that from a public works standpoint, the City and the County should be viewing the project in its entirety to include all of Wyman Street from Pershing Rd. to Wolf River Avenue, possible widening of the road, parking issues, curb & gutter and sidewalk replacement, realignment at the Pine Street intersection, blvd. trees, etc. The City and the County would like some firm cost estimates prior to entering into an agreement. Earth Tech is currently working on the design and could have some prices for consideration by October. The bid process could then move forward.

b. Shawano St. (CTH "X" / Wolf River Ave. (CTH "W") Intersection. This project has received State funding for Hazard Elimination. Dean informed the Board that the State has completed negotiations on the property acquisitions. The Utilities are ready to proceed with their electrical installations, however, WE Energies needs more time to work on gas lines. This project has been posted until June of 2008, with approximately 6 weeks to complete. The Board referred to their recommendation (See Item 3. above) for a 4-way Stop. Dean will follow up on this recommendation contingent on the legality.

c. Division St. (CTH "D") / Beckert Rd. Intersection. Dean referred to a memo from OMNI Associates wherein their anlyses concludes that a 4-way Stop would operate acceptably for this intersection. This memo is attached. Pedestrain crossings were also discussed. It was noted that changes could be done with minimal expenses.

d. Pearl Street Bridge, (CTH "D") Jurisdictional Transfer. Dean provided some history relating to old Hwy. 45 becoming a Waupaca Co. road when the Bypass was built. This included the bridge. Since the bridge is being considered for replacement in the near

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(d. cont.) future, the County felt this would be a good time to offer the city jurisdiction of the bridge, along with the State funding incentives. He also proposed a county road route change within the city. Board members were not receptive to this offer. Motion by O'Connell / Herter to recommend that Pearl Street Bridge stay under the Waupaca County jurisdiction indefinitely. All voting aye. Motion carried.

It was suggested there be a yearly meeting of the City and County committees.

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