

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008**

Members Present: Chairman Arien Herminath, Mike Barrington, Bill Kopitzke,
Dave Morack and Tom O'Connell

Others Present: Angie Seidl, Museum Director
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Jeff Bodoh, Dept. Engineer
Carol Radtke, Director of Public Works
Louis Dresen, W.W.T. P. Supt.
Gary Henke, Mayor
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herminath at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. Changed the order of agenda item 7. Motion by O'Connell / Kopitzke to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Requests from Museum Director for Walking Tour – Street Closure and Painting of Sidewalk Arrows. Angie reviewed her memo related to the Museum Walking Tour of Historic Downtown scheduled for Saturday, June 7th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. For the safety of the anticipated 250 participants she is requesting approval of a street closure on North Water Street from Pearl St. to Shawano St. for this event.

Motion by O'Connell / Morack to approve a street closure (8:30 – 3:00) on North Water Street from Pearl St. to Shawano St. for the Museum's Historic Downtown Event on June 7th. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The other request was for permission to paint long-term recognition arrows, 1 ft. X 1 ft., on the sidewalks to guide the participants through the walking tour of historic homes. Plan to paint this Spring with supplies and labor provided by the Museum. Motion by O'Connell / Morack to approve the painting of the recognition arrows on the sidewalks for the museum's historic homes walking tour. All voting aye. Motion carried.

3. Progress Report on the Wastewater "Headworks" Project. Dresen used photos he had taken to show the step-by step construction on this "Headworks" project up to the current date. He explained the procedures to the Board and answered questions.

4. Approval of Change Order for Wastewater "Headworks" Project. Dresen noted the Change Order for Staab Construction was to remove existing concrete pipes and relocate an air line at a cost of \$6,560.00. Based on the asbuilt drawings the engineers were provided, these items should have been removed during the 1988 wastewater expansion project. They were not. The Board could see no recourse to compensate for the error after 20 years but to move ahead with the project.

Motion by Morack/O'Connell to recommend that the Council approve Change Order #1 for Staab Construction to remove existing pipes on the Wastewater "Headworks" Project in the amount of \$6,560.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution. Dresen reviewed the report and advised there was a deduction of 30 points on this years' report due to a slight over application of nitrogen on one of our DNR approved fields. The overall rating was still a Grade A.

Motion by Barrington / Morack to recommend that the Council approve the Resolution and Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for 2007. All voting aye. Motion carried.

6. Cost Estimates for W.W.T.P. Rotary Distributors. Dresen submitted a memo indicating that we would have to make repairs on one of our rotary distributors at the wastewater plant this year. There are two distributors, that have been carefully maintained, but both are 21 years old. Therefore, it would be in the city's best interest to replace both now. Dresen received the lowest replacement cost estimate from the original equipment supplier for \$105,771.00. There were 3 proposals requested. For the installation, we could utilize the contractor currently on site for a cost of \$15,200.00, plus \$2,000.00 for crane services, making the total replacement cost \$122,971.00.

Motion by Morack / Kopitzke to recommend that the Council approve the replacement of two rotary distributors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$122,971.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Update on Wyman Street Reconstruction Project. Radtke commented on the permits regarding the archeological situation, good progress by the sanitary sewer excavating contractor, and the matters concerning the sanitary sewer laterals. The project is moving along very well to date. Questions from the Board were answered.

8. Legal Opinion on River Wall Alterations. This matter has been pending for several months and the Attorney's opinion doesn't provide a direct answer to the questions related to cutting into the fencing and docking to the riverwall. Henke noted he was contacted by an individual representing the business people along the alley and there are plans to meet regarding the alley issues. This may be an opportunity to set some long-range plans. Board did agree that Bonnie Wiedert's request to remove the fence should be approved and to prohibit anchoring of docks to the wall. Motion by Kopitzke / Morack to approve Bonnie Weidert's request to remove a section of fence on the river wall and to put a moratorium restricting anchoring of docks to the wall until further notice. All voting aye. Motion carried.

9. Review Final Contract for Wyman Street Reconstruction Project. The revised three-party contract with Waupaca County Highway Dept., New London Public Works and New London Utilities for the Wyman Street Reconstruction Project was presented to the Board. Concerns related to the storm sewer and re-engineering costs have been resolved and the archeological services were added. The current total construction figure is \$1,570,232.60. The city's share is \$724,735.21. The contract stipulates that any future change orders must be approved by all three parties. Motion by Kopitzke / Barrington to recommend that the Council approve the County/Municipal Agreement

estimated at \$1,570,232.60, with the city's share being \$724,735.21. All voting aye. Motion carried.

10. Discuss No Assessments for Future Sidewalk Construction. There was a request to discuss no assessments for sidewalks. When the Board recently changed the sanitary sewer main assessments, the rationale was that the benefit of sewer main was not just to the abutting property owner but to the whole city. Perhaps sidewalk assessments should be viewed in that same context. The Board will continue to discuss this item at future meetings.

11. Consider Electronic Data for Agenda Items. It was suggested that electronic data could save the city money vs. the substantial amount of copy paper, employee time and copy machine usage to produce the packets provided to the aldermen for their meetings. The Board members will give this matter some consideration and try to come up with ideas to make this process more efficient.

12. Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. There were a few questions.

13. Other Matters, if any. There was a full list of items that Board members had for the Street Division to accomplish: traffic markings on Lincoln St. and St. John's Street, and various locations of potholes, humps and heaving on streets needing repair.

Motion by O'Connell / Kopitzke to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.