

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010**

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Robert Besaw, Ron Steinhorst, and Lori Dean (arrived 4:35 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Bodoh, Acting Public Works Director
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Gary Henke, Mayor
John Romberg, Alderperson
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
Dave Morack, Alderperson
Louie Dresen, WWTP Superintendent
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant
Lee Rousseau

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barrington at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Motion by Steinhorst / Herter to approve the agenda as presented.
Four voting aye. Motion carried.

2. WWTP Update. Louie reported that the plant was running well. There is more control with the flow through the use of one primary clarifier. He is still looking into the benefits of purchasing a phosphorous analyzer. Lift Station #8 needs a new control panel, as parts required to fix it are obsolete. Bodoh reported that the sludge truck sold for \$28,000.

3. Sewer Rate Study Request for Proposal. The last sewer rate review was done in 1987. Bodoh has been working with Treasurer Judy Radke to prepare a Request for Proposal for a rate study. Bodoh asked for a volunteer to join an evaluation committee that will include Bodoh, Radke, and Louie Dresen. Besaw volunteered to serve on that committee.

Motion by Besaw / Dean to approve sending out the RFP for a Sanitary Sewer Rate Study. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

4. Review Engineering Proposal for Downtown Riverwall Rehabilitation. Administrator Hager asked for a design plan to enable him to pursue funding options. This item will be brought to the Capital Equipment and Projects Committee for review and possible approval. This was informational only; no action was necessary by the Board.

5. Discuss Northeast Business Park/Review Recent Soil Boring Information. Bodoh read the first sentence of the Executive Summary from the Maple Creek Lane area soil exploration report and the northeast section's report. The summary from Maple Creek Lane read, "The results of the exploration program indicate suitable to marginally suitable site conditions for spread footing foundations at the standard frost depth." The northeast section's read, "The results of the exploration program indicate generally suitable site conditions for spread footing foundation systems at standard frost depth." This would indicate that the soil conditions in the northeast section are better than the Maple Creek Lane area. The Board would like Bodoh

to present a preliminary design for improvements to that area and get figures on what is available for finances within the TIF District for discussion at a future meeting.

6. City Fleet Fueling Options. Bodoh had been asked to check into options for purchasing fuel for City vehicles. The price for purchasing bulk fuel when you own your own tank is sometimes higher than purchasing from a station. The cost to install and maintain these tanks can be prohibitive. Bodoh put together a Fuel Bid Form to put out for proposals for rebates. The Board would like him to contact the School District and see if they would like to join with the City in seeking proposals for rebates.
7. Update on Pearl Street Bridge. The concrete has been poured and needs to set up. They will be installing electric wiring for lights this week or early next week, as well as putting up the railing. Beams underneath the bridge will be removed after the railing is put up. December 17th is the projected date for opening the bridge to traffic.
8. Monthly Report of Director/Engineer. There were no questions on the written report.
9. Other Matters. Dean had a question regarding snowplowing of the downtown area.

Motion by Herter to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m., second by Besaw. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Acting Director of Public Works