

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Monday, June 6, 2016

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Bob Besaw, Lori Dean, Dennis Herter, and Ron Steinhorst

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Director
Gary Henke, Mayor
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
John Faucher, Alderperson
Paul Hanlon, Building Inspector
Ben Greuel, WWTP Chief Operator
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant
Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Gruening
Janice & Kevin Flaherty
Jim Jaeger
Chad Karpf

1. Chairman Barrington called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. It was suggested to move item #2 (WWTP Update) to later in the agenda due to Ben Greuel getting called away from the meeting.

Motion by Steinhorst / Besaw to approve the amended agenda. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

2. Resolution Approving the Functional Class for the New London Urban Area – 2016. Every 10 years the DOT needs a copy of a resolution stating that the City approves the DOT updated street and highway classifications.

Motion by Steinhorst / Dean to recommend to Council to approve the resolution *Approving the Functional Class for the New London Urban Area – 2016*. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

3. Discuss possible Street Projects for late summer/early fall, including the Wolf River Avenue Project. Jeff Bodoh presented a list of street projects recommended for repair. In addition to the reconstruction of Wolf River Avenue, Bodoh recommends the following streets to be milled and overlaid: Wyman Street (from Pershing to Martin), Minerva Street (from Smith to Nassau), Ridgeway Drive (from Quincy to Wallace), and Wisconsin Street (from North Water to Festival Parking).

Motion by Herter / Dean to recommend to Council to approve the recommended street projects listed above. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

4. WWTP Update. Ben was able to report back to the meeting at this point. He presented the summary page of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2015. We have passed again with a Grade of A.

Motion by Besaw / Herter to recommend to Council to approve the *Resolution to Approve the 2015 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for WWTP*. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

The ordinance for increasing the sewer user charge rates has been changed to reflect an increase over two years. The ordinance presented at this meeting represents the first phase.

Motion by Steinhorst / Herter to recommend to Council to approve An Ordinance Setting Sewer User Charge Rates as presented. Four voting aye, one voting nay (Dean). Motion carried.

In his written report, Ben Greuel stated that Gerid Garvens has worked for the City for two years.

5. Monthly Report of Director/Other Matters. Broken sections of sewer on Spring Street have been discovered recently. Jeff has received a quote of \$6,561.25 from a contractor doing work in the area and is requesting Board approval for this repair. The Board approved.

Joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Committee. Bob Besaw called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. to join in with the Public Works Board for discussion of the next three agenda items.

6. Request from Twin Rivers Condominium Association for addition of a sidewalk and abandonment of a trail easement on their property. Barb Gruening spoke on behalf of the Twin Rivers Condo Association. They had sent a letter to the Mayor and Council members requesting installation of a sidewalk in front of their property. They are also requesting the abandonment of a possible trail on the City's easement at the back of their property. Jeff Bodoh stated that because of the slope of the driveways, it would be impractical to install sidewalks, thus making their driveways steeper and making it difficult for vehicles to get in and out.
7. Progress update on New City Garage Construction. Jeff Bodoh reported that the earth work is finished, footings are in place, and the foundation has been poured. The framework will be started this week. Chad Hoerth has been working on the security system, electronic door access, and the sprinkler system.
8. Discussion/Possible Action on a recommendation for the Old City Garage. Chad Karpf expressed his interest in purchasing the old garage to create storage units. Karpf stated that it would be a tax advantage for the City and save on demolition costs if he were to purchase the building. He would make improvements to make the building more pleasing to look at and would allow the City and neighboring businesses access to the parking area. The other option discussed is for the City to retain ownership of the property and create a recreational park area.

Motion by Dean / Herter to table this agenda item for discussion at the July meeting, which will be a joint meeting of the Board of Public Works and the Parks & Recreation Committee for this item. Six voting aye, one nay (Marcks). Motion carried.

9. Motion by Faucher to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m., second by Besaw. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Director of Public Works