

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Tuesday September 5, 2017

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

Members Absent: None

Council Members: Gary Henke; Mayor, John Faucher, Tom O'Connell, Rob Way, Dave Morack

Others Present: Chad Hoerth; Parks & Recreation Director
Kent Hager; City Administrator
Ben Greuel; WWTP Chief Operator
Don Goodreau; Street & Parks Superintendent
Paul Hanlon; Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator
Michelle Lambrecht; Administrative Assistant
Scott Bellile; New London Press Star
Julie Blohm
Bob Marcks (entered at 4:43pm)

Chairman Barrington called the meeting to order @ 4:30 p.m.
Motion by Dean and Steinhorst to approve the amended agenda.

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: Greuel presented a breakdown of the 2018 budget as well as proposed Capital Equipment Expenditures.

Motion made by Dean and seconded by Stienhorst to approve the 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant budget as presented. Motion carried by all.

2. Stop Sign Requests-East Ridge Drive @ Caroline Dr. & Lucas Dr. The City received two (2) requests for adding stop signs at the corner of East Ridge Drive and Lucas Drive. Dean questioned if the city would be setting a precedent by adding a stop sign from individual requests and asked if the Police Department provided input on the request. Mayor Henke stated that all requests need to be looked independently to evaluate that situation. Hager stated he would touch base with the police chief on that intersection for his input.

Motion by Herter and seconded by Besaw to create amend city ordinance to add stop signs at the corner of Caroline Drive & Lucas Drive pending input from the police chief. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Leaf Pick-Up in Northgate Estates: Hager reported to the committee that in previous years the city would pick up leaves throughout Northgate Estates with the city's leaf vac system. This year city staff will be using a new "Tink Claw" instead of the old vac system and since there are no curbs in this area it would be more difficult to pick up the leaves with these new claws. The roads in Northgate Estates are privately owned and the question raised was if city staff should be picking up leaves on these private roads. The city does not snow plow or maintain the roads in Northgate Estates. The

committee agreed that city staff should not be picking up leaves on private streets and talked about some other options to maybe pick up leaves at one location near their entrance. Hager stated that he would discuss the matter with the property owner.

4. Waupaca Street Storm Sewer Options Near Stalker Flooring: Hanlon reported on some water drainage issues along W. Waupaca Street near Stalker Flooring. Hanlon had an engineering firm; Martenson & Eisele; come and check out the situation and came up with a solution of adding a storm sewer catch basin in the area where the problem exists. Goodreau stated that the project could be done by city staff if they have time. Asphalt patching would then be contracted out. City staff will evaluate to see if they could fit this project in their schedule otherwise it would be added into the 2018 project list to contract out.

Other Matters/Updates on Current City Projects: Hager, Hanlon, Hoerth and Goodreau reported on other projects that were already in process or beginning soon.

Julie Blohm questioned if the Spirtas property across from her house was sold, Hager stated at this time the city was not aware of a real estate closing for that property. Blohm also questioned if the city retained a record of her complaints and if she could find out if they were followed up on. Henke stated that she could contact Hanlon in regards to those follow ups. Some other discussion also took place in regards to a property near her house that burned down as she has an interest in purchasing that property and the timing of some street reconstruction which was scheduled to take place in front of that property.

Motion by Dean to adjourn the meeting @ 5:10 p.m. / second Besaw. Motion carried by all.

Kent Hager
City Administrator