

CITY OF NEW LONDON
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 1, 2021 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Barrington, Dave Dorsey, Dennis Herter, Bernie Ritchie Jr., Fred Zaug

Excused Members: None

Council Members: Mayor Herter (via zoom), John Faucher, Bob Besaw, Billie Olson, Steve Groat (arrival 5:09 p.m.), Tim Roberts

Others Present: Chad Hoerth; City Administrator
Ben Greuel; WWTF Chief Operator
Michelle Lambrecht; Public Services Administrative Assistant
Jim & Sandy Massonet, Jim Jaeger, Charlie Rogers; Vets Memorial
Luke Hammons; Street/Park Superintendent
Ginger Arndt; Recreation Superintendent
April Amador

Barrington called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.; Motion by Zaug/D. Herter to approve the agenda as presented. *Motion carried by all*

Public comment relevant to items on agenda: None presented.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Update: There were no questions on the WWTF monthly reports.

Recommend to council a Resolution approving the Waste Water Treatment Facilities 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR): A copy of the 2020 CMAR report was reviewed by the committee. This is an annual self-evaluation report required by the DNR and the WWTF received a grade A. Council will need to approve a resolution in order for the CMAR report to be complete.

Motion by D. Herter/Dorsey that council considers a resolution accepting the Waste Water Treatment Facilities 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR). *Motion carried by all.*

Consider an ordinance to add stop signs on Nassau and Henry Streets: A draft ordinance was reviewed authorizing the Public Works Department to install stop signs at the following locations:

Nassau Street at W Law Street
Nassau Street at Millard Street
Nassau Street at Cameron
Nassau Street at Rowland Street
Nassau Street at Laura Street
West termination of Henry Street into Northwood Village

Faucher/Zaug moved that council approve an ordinance to install new stop signs at designated locations on Nassau and Henry Streets. *Motion carried by all.*

Approve a contract to hire PSI for Geotechnical Services for the 2024/2025 Downtown Street Reconstruction projects: Part of the engineering to complete the downtown reconstruction project is to hire Geotechnical Services for soil boring. Two proposals were submitted with PSI providing the lowest overall cost of \$4,525 for the projects borings. The city's engineers at McMahan recommended hiring PSI for these geotechnical services.

D. Herter/Ritchie moved that council enter into an agreement with PSI for geotechnical services in the amount of \$4,525. *Motion carried by all.*

Consider a request to designate a loading zone in front of the business at 310 W North Water Street: Alderperson Olson asked the Board to consider designating a loading zone during weekday mornings in front of the business at 310 W North Water Street. Concerns were cited that if the city grants this request for one business, then the city would need to grant this for all businesses and the city already receives complains about the limited downtown parking. Other options were discussed including more enforcement of the two hour parking limit and towing of vehicles. *No motion was made on this item.*

Director's Report: The Director's memo was included and reviewed by the committee. Service Anniversary Report:

Gerid Garvens (WWTF operator) completed 7 years of service on May 30th

Future Agenda/Other items: None presented

Discuss next meeting date:

Tuesday July 6, 2021 starting at 4:30 p.m.

At this time the Parks & Recreation Committee came into session for a joint meeting

Discuss and possibly act on modifications to the downtown centralized dumpsters:

Alderperson Roberts brought up concerns related to the downtown centralized dumpster pads, one being near the Taft Park Veteran's Memorial. Roberts and several members in attendance from the Veteran's Memorial Foundation provided comments that they felt the relocation of the dumpsters after the Veteran's Memorial was installed was disrespectful. Others on the committee sited that the city took additional measures to create a buffer and separated the dumpsters from the park with a slated fence and a line of shrubs. Another commented that it was no different than the dumpster located on the other side of the park for the C&R Waterfront Bar. Roberts provided suggestions of relocating the centralized pads to the other side of the driveway, closer to the Coppershot bar. Faucher cited concerns of spending more money when the city paid over \$50,000 for the two downtown centralized dumpster facilities. Jim Massonet stated that it's a problem and he's seeing illegal garbage in the pad areas including construction material and air conditioners. Mayor Herter (on zoom)

went to the site during the meeting and provided live video of the containers showing the current conditions. A comment was made that the dumpsters are too tall. The committee directed Hoerth to see if Graichen Disposal could provide smaller containers for easier dumping. A request was made to call a vote, no motion was made at this time.

There being no further business a motion was made by Zaug/D. Herter to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. *Motion carried by all.*

Chad Hoerth, City Administrator