

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Soeldner  
Jason Sladky  
Allan Schema  
Nic Levendusky  
Jim Brey

**STAFF PRESENT**

Valerie Mellon  
Greg Minikel  
Kim Lynch  
Randy Junk

**OTHERS**

Bridget Brennan, PD  
Bernard Starzewski, S 12<sup>th</sup>  
Steve McMahon, S 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Maples, Vinton  
Michael Check  
Holly Larson  
Rose Pearson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Approval of the Minutes from 1/10/11**

D. Soeldner asked for a correction in the minutes to reflect that he voted against a motion made to deny a request to delay the sidewalk construction on Expo Drive for 2011.

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the January 10, 2011 meeting. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discussion and possible action regarding painting parking stalls and other issues at 932 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St.**

The Streets Committee took up the issues of the loading zone and the painting of parking stalls only. There are several other contentious issues involved with the two parties (Bernard Starzewski and Steve McMahon).

V. Mellon explained that painting stalls or yellow curb is not a standard policy for the city. Only specific cases that are highly warranted for traffic safety are done. Maintenance is always a consideration and once we start painting special spot locations, these requests snowball and we will end up with a long list and huge cost implications.

This property is in Alderman Jim Brey's district. Mr. McMahon contacted J. Brey about painting the curb yellow. J. Brey authorized Mr. McMahon to do so, but at his cost and maintenance.

The request is for painting parking stalls in front of 932 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street, which has 54 feet of frontage. There is the capacity to park two vehicles. However one vehicle can take up both spaces because there are currently no delineations for parking.

J. Sladky made a motion to paint three lines to create two parking stalls in front of 932 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street. A. Schema seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City of Manitowoc will absorb the cost of painting the parking stalls. J. Sladky felt that since the city paints stalls along Washington Street in the downtown area, this area was also justifiable.

- **Discussion and possible action regarding reconstruction of Dewey Street - S. 26<sup>th</sup> to S. 35<sup>th</sup> Street**
- **Discussion and possible action regarding concrete slab replacement on Maritime Drive - Buffalo to Waldo**
- **Discussion and possible action regarding traffic signals at N. 8<sup>th</sup> and Reed Avenue**

An extensive discussion regarding several projects was discussed among the Committee, V. Mellon (Dir of Public Works/City Engineer) and G. Minikel (Deputy Dir of Public Works/Deputy City Engineer).

Reconstruction of a portion of Waldo Boulevard was placed in the 2011 budget for \$900,000. It was later ascertained that the WISDOT will be reconstructing Waldo Boulevard from N 5<sup>th</sup> St to Fleetwood Drive in 2016. The Engineers cautioned that significant maintenance for the next 5 years would be needed, but it's definitely worth waiting for the WISDOT to fund the reconstruction project.

The Engineers then recommended that the Committee consider investing immediately in the next severely deteriorated road, Dewey Street. In a past meeting, the consensus was that keeping the main traffic corridors in good shape was a priority. They requested from the Committee to redirect \$610,000 of the \$900,000 to reconstruct Dewey Street for 500 feet East and West of S 30<sup>th</sup> Street. The Committee was concerned about assessments. There would also be No Access Agreements eligible for properties that don't need access from Dewey Street.

The Committee wasn't keen on constructing small portions of the Dewey Street corridor for lack of accessibility to businesses and for the continual struggle to access the corridor due to construction being done over several years. If the city were to construct the whole corridor (S 10<sup>th</sup> Street to S 39<sup>th</sup> Street) it would be estimated at about \$4M. They would rather see the construction done in two phases.

Discussion continued about the following alternative scenarios: doing the Dewey Street project in 2011 and saving about \$200,000 on the bond issue; doing the Dewey Street project in 2012 and rolling over the \$900,000 with supplementing the additional funds needed in the 2012 budget; using the \$900,000 on other projects (Parks, Stormwater..) since the money was approved in the budget; and not bonding for the \$900,000 and doing no reconstruction projects. Motions were made and rescinded. Due to the complexity of the entire discussion, all motions were going to be made at the end so all projects could be discussed first.

Discussion continued about Maritime Drive slab replacement from Buffalo Street to Waldo Boulevard. The construction is estimated at \$225,000 and is in the 2011 budget. The point was made that this is the best time to invest in this pavement before it deteriorates to the condition that reconstruction is the only solution. If we can employ preventative maintenance it results in huge long term savings.

The Engineers talked with the Committee about replacing conduit at the N 8<sup>th</sup> and Reed Avenue intersection for the traffic signals during the reconstruction project on N 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The estimated cost is \$7,000. Their recommendation would be to install loops for N 8<sup>th</sup> Street to dwell in green unless there is a call on the side streets and while the traffic is disrupted for reconstruction it's the best time to do this work. Mark DeZeeuw has confirmed however that there is no dire need to replace the controller or conflict monitor at this time.

Motions made:

A. Schema made a motion to approve the \$7,000 conduit project at the intersection of N 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Reed Avenue. No second. Motion died.

D. Soeldner made a motion to approve the \$225,000 Maritime Drive slab replacement project. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Sladky made a motion to not reconstruct Dewey Street and not borrow the \$900,000. J. Brey seconded the motion. Discussion continued. J. Brey added that the city should bond \$40,000 for the Silver Creek erosion project, which would then be a net of \$860,000 to not bond for. J. Sladky amended and accepted J. Brey's modification. (3 - Ayes, 2- Nays (Levendusky, Schema)

J. Brey clarified that this action is really only a recommendation to the Finance Committee and that committee takes the action to actually reduce the amount of the bonding for 2011.

Jim Maples spoke to the Committee about his concerns with the lack of infrastructure construction that is occurring in the city. He feels the Committee is taking the wrong approach in keeping people working and ensuring the best long term stability of city infrastructure. He pointed out that other cities such as Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du lac, and Milwaukee are all pursuing aggressive multimillion dollar projects in light of great bid prices and cheap interest rates.

**Discussion and possible action of management of sidewalks that are not cleared of snow in a timely manner**

R. Junk and V. Mellon explained the process of how the Department of Public Works handles snow shoveling ordinance violators.

The city only acts on properties that have a complaint against them. A courtesy letter is sent to the property owner informing them of our 3 day policy to react on their own behalf for cleanup, or the DPW will have a crew clean the sidewalk and send a bill. One complaint letter

is sent annually to a property, no other warnings are sent if another complaint comes in.

A typical snow fall generally induces about 30-50 complaints where the 15" snow fall in December 2010 generated 151 complaints.

*J Brey made a motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:47p.m., D. Soeldner seconded the motion. All in favor.*



Valerie Mellon, P.E.  
Director of Public Works  
and City Engineer