

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*July 26, 2010
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Jim Brey
Nic Levendusky

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr

OTHERS

Clancy Allain
Claire Olson
Michael Check

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Approval of the Minutes from 7/12/10

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2010 meeting. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discuss Additional Signage for Sweeper Parking Ban
Update on Street Sweeping Policies**

D. Soeldner informed the Committee that the Mayor would like to see more signs installed as funding is available. D. Soeldner asked the Committee for their recommendations.

J. Brey said there was as much done as possible with getting the word out to the public. Both he and A. Schema didn't believe additional signage is the answer. V. Mellon explained that if we signed every block it would cost approximately \$120,000. In addition some of these signs would require a separate post to add an additional 50,000 to the cost.

The Committee didn't think this would be effective enough.

V. Mellon distributed an analysis done by the Police Department that explained the violations and areas that received 4+ tickets and number of tickets per license plate numbers.

Mr. Allain was present to express his concern with the ban. He said that he needs to find a place to park and the sweeper hasn't been coming through until 8:30 a.m. If he has company, there is absolutely no place to park. The winter ban only affects us 4-5 times during the snow season. His distress is with finding someplace to park weekly. He would like the Committee to find some other way.

V. Mellon explained the credit that we received from the DNR for administering the parking ban and purchasing the sweepers. This eliminates the need to build at least 10 ponds, which would be extremely costly. In order to receive the full credits, each street needs to be swept weekly.

Discussion continued regarding the DNR and current parking ban. D. Soeldner asked if there was a possibility of lowering the cost of the parking ticket. Bridget Brennan, Manitowoc Police Dept., was present and she informed the Committee that parking fines haven't been raised since 1999. There is no possibility of lowering the fine.

Roorbach's Request to Reinstate Angle Parking on S. 29th Street

The street was reconstructed in 2000 in which parking was changed from angle parking to curb side parallel parking for safety issues. G. Minikel explained that in order to safely put angle parking back in, Roorbach's will need to dedicate land (approx. 15 feet) to the City to allow for parking further into property.

V. Mellon explained a sidewalk for pedestrians also needs to be provided. She said that angle parking is less safe, however, due to the accident history and volume of traffic has not increased, it would be acceptable, per the drawing presented to the Committee.

J. Brey said the traffic at the intersection of S. 29th & Custer Street is busy during certain times of the day.

Claire Olson, Roorbach's, was present and explained that when it was changed, the former City Engineer had his mind made up and there was no changing it. She explained that only 2 months out of the year is when this parking is utilized (May & June).

Approx 15 feet is the amount of land that Roorbach's would need to Quit Claim Deed to the City in order to safely re-construct angle parking. The estimated cost for this project is \$30,000-\$50,000. Ms. Olson said she will not be willing to pay this high of an amount.

N. Levendusky said she will be gaining 5 additional parking spots. Ms. Olson said 5 spots is a big deal for her business.

Discussion ensued regarding the parking issue. The Committee recommended further investigating as to the design and cost.

Engineering Department will get quotes from Vinton for 2 different alternatives and bring back to the Committee at a future meeting.

Feasibility of Implementing GPS to DPW Operations

V. Mellon explained she investigated with the City of Appleton DPW Director to find out how the equipment is working for them. They currently just finished installing and there is no current data yet. The GPS unit is capable of recording locations of pot holes, low hanging trees and other maintenance items, which in turn should bring efficiencies in gas consumption.

Kevin Glaeser was present and explained to the Committee what is required for all vehicles to become equipped with GPS. The cost will be approximately \$25,000 for 10 trucks. K. Glaeser said it would be a good idea to put in 5-year plan. By the year 2013 the City will be required to be Narrowband compatible for all of our two-way radios.

J. Sladky made a motion to make any new two-way/truck radios purchased to be GPS compatible. This will be required on all City vehicles. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Motion carried, no further discussion.

Citizen Complaint Regarding Knuell Court Drainage Problems

G. Minikel explained the complaint that we received. He wanted referral from the Committee what to do as this standing water. If we extend a storm sewer to pick up this water, then we would be on private property and need an easement for the manhole. What we have been doing is applying salt and sand during winter months.

The Committee recommends doing nothing at this time with this issue. There are many areas throughout the City that ice builds up and needs to be maintained.

G. Minikel said this past winter is the first time he has heard of any problems back in this area. We will continue to monitor and apply the salt and sand.

Discussion and Possible Action on Stormwater Pond Maintenance Fees

V. Mellon distributed handout consisting of the estimated pond maintenance costs. G. Minikel reviewed this information with the Committee and Michael Check.

V. Mellon said that she spoke to Paul Steinbrecher and the one concern he had was with the fee and this will be put in a separate fund to be used only for pond maintenance. This way the property owner only pays once.

J. Brey agreed that this fund will be used towards Pond Maintenance only.

D. Soeldner agrees that we should charge something to take over these ponds, however, it shouldn't be the amount presented by Engineering (\$70,000). We don't expect developers to maintain storm sewers.

G. Minikel stated that the dredging disposal cost for 0.25 acre pond was approximately 1,500 tons of material at the current landfill cost of \$30/ton or \$45,000 out of the \$70,000. Hopefully, we will be able to reuse the dredged material as fill in the future, but the material requires testing prior to reuse.

Mike Check expressed that developers are maxed out. If economy doesn't pick up, things will only get worse. We need to come up with an amount that works for everyone involved. He said he will get other developers together to collect thoughts and bring feedback to the Committee.

Discussion on 5-Year Plan for New Sidewalk Program

G. Minikel discussed the projects for 2011 with the Committee. Motion was made by J. Brey to approve the 5-Year Plan. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

G. Minikel discussed the projects for 2011 with the Committee. J. Sladky made a motion to approve the 5-Year plan. N. Levendusky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Brey made the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

A. Schema seconded the motion.



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