

CITY OF MENASHA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
Council Chambers, Third Floor
140 Main Street, Menasha
Tuesday, September 5, 2006
MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairman Taylor at 6:56 p.m.
Present: Ald. Wisneski, Pack, Hendricks, Eckstein, Chase, Merkes, Taylor
Excused: Ald. Michalkiewicz
Also Present: Mayor Laux, CA/HRD Brandt, PC Stanke, DFC Auxier, DPW Radtke, CDD Keil,
PRD Tungate, Comp Stoffel, Clerk Galeazzi, and the Press.
- II. Street Use Applications:
A. Oktoberfest; Friday, September 29, 2006, 5:00 PM -10:30 PM; Saturday, September 30, 2006,
12:00 PM - 10:30 PM (Calumet Publishing)

Discussion ensued on this event being held the same weekend as the popular Appleton Oktoberfest.

DPW Radtke introduced James Moran and Jim Lunstrom who are the organizers of the event. Mr. Moran explained they wanted to keep with the traditional time that Oktoberfest is held. This event will be an alternative for people from what Appleton will have, but still keeping with the Oktoberfest tradition of entertainment, food and German beer. He explained the procedure that will be used to monitor attendance and order.

- B. Harvest Fest; Saturday, September 30, 2006, 7:00 AM–1:00 PM; (M.A.C. Advocacy Group)
No Questions or Discussion.

- III. Payments:
A. Miron Construction Co., Inc.; Elevated Walkway Construction; Contract Unit No. 2005-03;
\$2,992.50 (Payment No. 6)

DPW Radtke explained the work is completed and this is the final payment.

- B. Miron Construction Co., Inc.; Elevated Walkway Construction; Contract Unit No. 2005-03;
\$12,869.05 (Payment No. 7)
No Questions or Discussion.

- IV. Review of Elimination of Selected Street Lights City Wide (Ald. Merkes)

Discussion ensued now that some of the street lights have been removed residents have been reporting dark areas of the City. Safety is a concern to both residents and City employees.

DPW Radtke explained he is working with the Utilities and will do a reevaluation the areas where street lights have been removed. They will look at redistributing the lights and the spacing between the lights.

Chairman Taylor invited people in the gallery to speak on this issue.

Mary Taylor, 867 Sixth Street. Presented a petition signed by residents in 800 block of Sixth Street requesting the street lights on their block be restored. Not having street lights has created an unsafe environment.

Carrie Wagner, 386 Elm Street. Safety is a concern; people now have to carry flashlights when they walk at night.

Jeff Riedel, 408 Appleton Street. Crime rate will increase when lights are reduced. When considering which lights to eliminate, look at area of City not just type of street. City has taverns located in residential areas.

V. Request for 4-Way Stop Traffic Control at Deerhaven Drive and Southfield Drive (Ald. Chase)

DPW Radtke explained a request for a 4-way stop sign at Deerhaven and Southfield was received. The practice has been to do an engineering study of the area to see if a 4-way stop sign is warranted at the intersection. He explained what is covered in the engineering study.

Chairman Taylor invited people from the gallery to speak on this issue.

Pat Nichols, 1225 Southfield Drive. Cars speed past his house; there are young children in the area and they need a safe place to play.

Cathy Tesch, 1242 Southfield Drive. Lots of traffic on Southfield; Barker Park in the area that children like to go to; hope study doesn't take long.

Ted Kersten, 1201 Southfield Drive. Cars are passing on Southfield Drive; have had a car rollover from going to fast; have tried putting out own signs to slow down, but driver ignore them.

Carolyn Breier, 1202 Southfield Drive. Speeding is a problem; need a safe place to cross to get to Barker Park.

Jeff Riedel, 408 Appleton Street. City of Chicago uses speed bumps in residential areas.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Chase to install a 4-way stop sign for a 90-day trial.

Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

VI. Request for 4-Way Stop Traffic Control at First Street and Appleton Street; 500–600 Blocks of First Street; Neighborhood Watch (Ald. Taylor)

Discussion ensued on the concerns of this intersection having vision obstructions.

Chairman Taylor invited people from the gallery to speak on this issue.

Craig Wussow, 608 First Street. Have asked for a 4-way stop sign at this intersection before and haven't received any results, normal procedure will not work; police radar works for a few days, then cars are back to speeding through the intersection; have police that live in the City park squad car in front of their homes.

Greg Jones, 600 First Street. House on corner is close to street which causes vision obstructions; heavy traffic area at all times, 4-way stop sign would slow traffic down.

Annemarie Junion, 613 First Street. Lots of young children live in the area, safety is an issue.

Mary Nebel, 713 First Street. Already have traffic lights at intersection of First & Racine, will a stop sign stop speeding? Safety is an issue.

Moved by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hendricks to install a 4-way stop sign for a 90-day trial.

Motion carried on roll call 7-0.

VII. Authorization to Execute Agreement with Canadian National Regarding River Street

DPW Radtke doesn't agree with language in paragraph #2 of the agreement on removal of exiting grade crossings. He has sent new wording for paragraph #2 to Wisconsin Central and is waiting to hear back from them. He can make the changes without hearing back from the Wisconsin Central. The council could defer this item to the next meeting.

CA/HRD Brandt doesn't recommend making the language change to the agreement without the permission of Wisconsin Central. The council could approve the agreement and give staff permission to make the change after they receive approval from Wisconsin Central

Moved by Ald. Pack seconded by Ald. Eckstein to hold for two weeks.

VIII. Adjournment

Moved by Ald. Eckstein seconded by Ald. Hendricks to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Deborah A. Galeazzi
City Clerk