

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

February 20, 2019

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 028-19
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in the conference room at the Public Works Headquarters, 50 Clinton Avenue. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Mayor Peter Nystrom
Alderswoman Stacy Gould
Alderman Sam Browning

Administration

Ryan E. Thompson, Director
Patrick McLaughlin, City Engineer
Robin Dauda, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Meeting minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.
(Motion: Gould, Second: Browning).

3. CITIZEN COMMENT: None

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – DOT funding is keeping the project from moving. Design takes approximately two years. The temporary repairs should hold sufficiently well beyond the time construction is to start.
- Sunnyside Bridge – New bids came in under the first round of bids. Low bidder is B&W Paving and construction is expected to start in April.
- Union Street Fire Escape is out to bid.
- Union Street ADA entrance is expected to go out to bid soon.
- The transfer station scale after some cost & time-saving modifications (elimination of temporary scale, steel deck) will be submitted to the Purchasing Agent in the next couple days.
- Sidewalk project for Norwich Road is going out to bid in the next few days.
- Pleasant Street Bridge was completed on budget

- Alice Street Extension and Alice Court will be priorities when paving begins

B. Property Disposition Discussion

- 482-492 Norwich Ave - Alderwoman Gould reported interest from a possible buyer. The building is in an Historic District and would be difficult to tear down. Tear down in any case would be costly. Alderman Browning suggests it be added to the list of properties for tear down. Motion by Nystrom, second by Gould to pursue sale of property. Passed 2-1.
- 11 Lake Street – discussion that it should be taken down.
- 270 West Thames Street – Building can't be saved. It's also in a Brownfield zone.
- Director Ryan Thompson reported on a meeting concerning property disposition and that the process in identifying and moving on properties seems to be working but that it could possibly be improved by consolidating all the discussions from various departments and committees into one specific to the disposition of city properties.

C. Taftville WWI Memorial Wall

- City Historian, Dale Plummer is attempting to find funding to re-build the wall. It was acknowledged that it would be more difficult because the wall has already been taken down but the cobblestone was saved and is being stored at this time.

D. Reallocation of Funds

- The reallocation of remaining \$17,000.00 Public Works capital funds to be used to replace the 1974 compressor at Fleet Maintenance and purchase a zero turn mower motion passed with all in favor. Will be sent to City Council for a resolution.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- It was reported that the water pressure in the Vehicle Wash Facility damaged some gold leaf lettering. There has been no damage noted to well adhered appliques. Public Works will be testing some older vehicles in the facility to observe any damage to applique lettering.
- Public Works will work to determine if there exists an option to turn on undercarriage wash only.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Mahan School

- The school is City Property, but the road is not a City road. The traffic light timing has been adjusted so that the green time for the side street is extended by six seconds. This seems to have improved the situation near Starbucks.

B. Mohegan Park & Handicapped Access

- Plans for a gate and handicapped access near the dog pound is in the works.
- The wisteria growing on top of the dam still needs to be addressed. The dam is not in danger at this time but removing the wisteria and either replacing it with plantings that have smaller roots or using containers should be

addressed in the not-too-distant future. The Mohegan Park Committee should have input and ideas on this task.

C. Blue Barrels

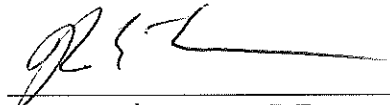
- There has been significant contact by residents about the absence of the blue barrels this year. The barrels weren't intended for residents to use on their properties or contractors to empty into their trucks. Treating the roads differently has eliminated the necessity of the barrels and has saved about \$20,000.00.

D. Salt and Overtime Budget

- Public Works salt and overtime budget are very good due to decreased snow and ice events this season.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m. by unanimous vote.
(Motion: Gould, Second: Browning)



Ryan E. Thompson, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Committee Members:

Alderwoman Stacy Gould (Chair), Mayor Peter Nystrom, Alderman Sam Browning
Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager