



MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:15 pm

2. **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Tracey Koach, Bill LeClair, Scott Stechmesser

Staff and others: Matthew Heckenlaible, Scott Ahl

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 1, 2023, Public Works Committee Meeting

Bill LeClair made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2023, Public Works Committee Meeting, seconded by Tracey Koach. Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** – None

5. **ONGOING PROJECT STATUS AND ACTION, IF NEEDED**

A. **2023 Sidewalk contract**

Initial sidewalks have been completed, but property owners have not been invoiced yet. The contract will be held open until the term end in June 2024 for any sidewalk issues that may arise.

B. **Sandy Bay Highlands - Phases 3 & 4**

As reported last month, we received a Preliminary Plat from the consultant. The Preliminary Plat was presented to the Plan Commission on November 13, 2023, and was recommended to be approved and have the City Engineer prepare a report to the City Council. Still need to look at 'overall costs' to see what the best methodology for cost recovery is and where to make the Phase 3 and Phase 4 project cutoff.

C. **2024 Projects**

1. **Roosevelt Avenue reconstruction - alignment discussion**

We are looking at a road "diet", proposing parking on one side of the street or the other.

There are several reasons why we are narrowing the road from 36 feet to 32 feet: funding, traffic calming, terrace trees and the bigger commercial properties.

Intersection modifications include narrowing Roosevelt Avenue intersections at Lowell Street, 10th Street, Hawthorne Avenue, and the 12th Street/Roosevelt Avenue/School Street. Recommend adding a stop sign westbound 12th/Roosevelt/School. We will look at the parking situation in the area.

Scott Ahl stated the public informational meeting would be mid-January with the bid going out mid to late January.

FYI – City Manager Greg Buckley noted that Holy Family TIF pays for Roosevelt assessment.

Tracey Koach concurred with the concept presented, seconded by Bill LeClair. Motion carried.

2. Scattered laterals - informational - area change

As was reported at last month's committee meetings, the WDNR SDWLP funding for water main and private water services was considerably less than what was anticipated and would not cover the \$2,500 that we have been granting past participants to help cover the costs associated with the private side lead service replacement. Municipalities that utilized the census tract methodology when applying for these funds fared much better than municipalities that utilized a city wide methodology pertaining to household income criteria.

Moving forward, the plan for the 2024 lead water service replacement program is to switch areas and to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The area that the City was initially targeting for lead water service replacement (east of Lowell and south of 12th Street) would conceivably be eligible for around 75% principal forgiveness, which comes close to matching the \$2,500 that has been granted to past lead service replacement participants. Therefore, we are looking at utilizing the ARPA funds in areas of the City where they would not be eligible for any (zero) principal forgiveness. Those areas could be: (1) 22nd Street south to 19th Street from the west side of Monroe Street to the west side of School Street (2) the south side of 30th Street to 34th Street from the east side of Tannery Road to the east side of Monroe Street and (3) the east side of Columbus Street to the west side of Mishicot Road from the north side of 35th Street to the south side of 37th Street.

In the past, if a lead water service was part of a larger project such as a reconstruction project, the property was required to replace a non-compliant (illegal) water service. All other non-compliant water services were done on a voluntary basis. This required a lot of staff time to track down interested parties, coordinate the inspections, develop cost estimates and then, if the property owner still wanted to do it, mobilize the contractor to that area of town to do the work. The contractor, in most cases, would charge the City a mobilization fee associated with each different location. They were not able to mobilize into one area and do a concentrated area to be more efficient and keep costs down.

Therefore, what is being proposed is that within these areas, we would require those property owners to have their lead, non-compliant water services removed and replaced. If their water services are not lead, they would not be required to have their water service replaced. Those property owners having their water service replaced would be eligible for up to a \$2,500 water service credit; and, if they desired, could also have their private sanitary sewer lateral replaced at the same time with the cost being entirely the property owner's responsibility.

Why are we requiring this to happen? The short answer is we have the available ARPA funds now; and, if we do not use them in 2024, we will lose those funds. Also, the EPA is proposing to change lead service rules which, as written now, will require all municipalities to have all the lead out of the ground within 10 years. In addition to that, the way lead services are presently sampled (the first liter out of the faucet) is collected for sampling. Future rules will require both the first and fifth liters which past service profiling shows that fifth liter sample is highly prone to failure.

The Public Utilities Committee was made aware of this on December 4, 2023. Although the City will be requiring property owners to replace their water services and due to pending EPA rules was not popular with the Committee, they felt it was important enough to support.

3. Sidewalk replacement

Nothing new to report relative to the 2024 sidewalk replacement program.

4. **19th Street - East River Street to Jefferson Street (LRIP)**

Nothing new to report.

5. **East River Street - 19th Street to vacated 18th Street (LRIP)**

Nothing new to report.

6. **PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTS** - None

7. **DISCUSSIONS OR ISSUES ON HOLD, PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION** - None

8. **COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, INCLUSION IN FUTURE AGENDA AND ACTION, IF NEEDED** - None

9. **DISCUSS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS (TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONTROL) - ACTION, ENDORSEMENT OR MODIFICATIONS, AS NEEDED** - None

10. **OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF NEEDED**

A. **Leaf collection update**

Hoping to wrap up leaf collection this Friday, December 8, 2023.

B. **Winter season**

1. **Brine sprayer**

First time use prior to last weekend as the weather forecast was calling for snow, but we ended up with a light dusting of sloppy snow in the north westerly portion of the City while the majority of the City received rain. We will call it a success for the first use.

2. **Sand barrels**

Half of the sand barrels were set out and filled the middle of last week. The other half have not been put out due to lack of usage during last year's winter season. They can be deployed if the need arises.

3. **November 26th snow event**

As noted at the December 4th City Council meeting, there is room for improvement, especially dealing with the post storm issues such as the hardpack on the secondary streets. The trucks that would have readily dealt with those areas and conditions were still in leaf collection mode.

C. **Solid Waste – Manitowoc Disposal contract amendment – for information purposes.**

The Public Utilities Committee is recommending that the City proceed with an amendment to the current contract with Manitowoc Disposal that will extend the contract out to March of 2030.

11. **SET DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Suggested as Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:15 pm

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:52 pm

Bill LeClair made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracey Koach. Motion carried.

