

**CITY OF NEW LONDON  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORK MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007**

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Members Present: Chairman Gary Henke, Arien Herminath, Dennis Herter, Bill Kopitzke, and Tom O'Connell

Others Present: Mike Barrington, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Alderman  
Dave Morack, 5th District Alderman  
Kent Hager, City Administrator  
Carol Radtke, Director of Public Works  
Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Engineer  
Louis Dresen, W.W.T.P. Supt.  
Dan Neely, Streets/Parks Supt.  
Carl Romenesko, Romenesko Developments  
Todd Close, Walleyes For Tomorrow  
Terry Dorschner, Gary Mytton  
Lee Rousseau, and Bonnie Weidert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henke at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. The order of the agenda was changed to accommodate the individuals at the meeting wanting to discuss the snow removal from the weekend snowstorm. Motion by Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by O'Connell to approve the agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Gary Mytton who lives in the Cedarhurst Subdivision advised the Board that his road was impassable for several hours due to the way the road was plowed. He was pleased with the way our Supt. Dan Neely took care of this matter. He also mentioned that the fire department platform should be given top priority in case of fire emergencies and he didn't think it was done very timely during this snowfall. Alderman Morack expressed his concern that the 5<sup>th</sup> District did not get plowed until after the rest of the city. He was aware of the grader breakdown but felt there should be a backup plan in place to cover these kinds of circumstances. Terry Dorschner commented that as a snowplow contractor he felt this was a hard snowfall to cleanup, and in his opinion our Street Division crews did a very good job. Henke suggested that we use the city's internet site to provide a map of the city showing our snow removal routes and list any pertinent information to keep our citizens informed of snow removal procedures. Motion by O'Connell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herter to have a special snow plow meeting to discuss equipment, call-in procedures, staffing, and other related issues. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Legal Opinion Concerning Alley. City Attorney, Earl Luaders submitted a letter in respond to the Board's request for a legal opinion on Sec. 82.31 of the Wisconsin Statues as it relates to the alley behind N. Water Street. He concluded

that this Statute does not resolve the ownership issue. O'Connell has a discrepancy with Luaders response, so he and Henke plan to meet with Luaders to discuss this in more detail. The Board of Public Works will be kept informed.

Approval of Equipment Sale. The Street Division had an old 1981 truck that was no longer being used and will need some major repairs in the future to keep it operational. Also, there is no room to store this vehicle inside. Therefore, it was advertised for sale with a starting bid of \$2,200.00. The City received a bid of \$2,500.00 from Maple Valley Farms of Black Creek. Motion by Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herter to approve the sale of the city's 1981 Chevrolet Truck to Maple Valley Farms for \$2,500.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Eastridge Subdivision, Phase II, Request for Improvements. Carl Romenesko of Romenesko Developments once again presented his concerns and made a request that the city provide for asphalt streets and curb and gutter in Phase II of the Eastridge Subdivision for 2008. Our Dept. Engineer was directed at last month's meeting to prepare a memo with cost estimates for a binder mat for this subdivision. His memo also recommended that the city have an agreement to leave the binder mat in place for 5-7 years. Motion by Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herter to recommend that Mr. Romenesko meet with the Finance & Personnel Committee to request a change to the current Developers Agreement to accommodate his request for street and curb & gutter improvements by 2008. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Request by Snowmobile Club to Cross City Land. The Wolf River Rangers Snowmobile Club is making their annual request for permission to place a snowmobile trail on the City's C.T.H. "X" land. This year rather than crossing the property they will be running alongside the road right-of-way. Motion by Herter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kopitzke to approve indefinitely the request by the Wolf River Rangers Snowmobile Club to cross the City's land on C.T.H. "X", unless there are changes that need a decision. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Tree Protection Assessment for Wyman Street Reconstruction Project. When the public information meeting was held related to the Wyman Street Reconstruction Project, many property owners expressed their concern about removal of the trees in the terrace. The City requested a proposal from Rangers Services to provide an assessment of all of the terrace trees as well as a tree planting plan to replace trees removed. The proposal was for \$4,030.00 and would be added into the total project costs. Motion by Kopitzke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Herter to approve the proposal from Rangers Services in the amount of \$4,030.00 for a Tree Protection Assessment. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Request for Terry Dorschner for Joint Riprap Project. Terry Dorschner appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns about an erosion problem on the Wolf River by Memorial Park and his adjoining land. This issue has been discussed in the past with the city. He is concerned that if the erosion continues, the park would be flooded. Todd Close of Walleyes for Tomorrow advised the Board he is willing to undertake this project along with Mr. Dorschner and the city, by preparing a riprap plan for presentation to the D.N.R. Motion by O'Connell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kopitzke to permit Todd Close to develop a riprap plan to submit to the D.N.R. for a joint project. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Engineering Service Contract for Construction on the Wastewater "Headworks" Project. The Director and Wastewater Superintendent prepared a memo explaining the need for the "Headworks" project and listed the pros and cons for the related to re-bidding this project. Many questions and answers were provided and the consensus was to go for re-bid. Motion by Herter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kopitzke to approve having Applied Technologies re-bid the wastewater "headworks" project. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. The reports were reviewed by Board members and there was a question about changing the timeframe for leaf pickup.

7. Other Matters, if any. Due to New Year's Day, the Board discussed having the January meeting on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 P.M. This will be reviewed by the other committees that need to meet that day.

Motion by Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tate to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.