

**CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORK MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007**

Members Present: Chairman, Gary Henke, Arien Herminath, Dennis Herter, Bill Kopitzke and Tom O'Connell
Others Present: Kent Hager, City Administrator
Carol Radtke, Director of Public Works
Jeff Bodoh, Dept. Engineer
Dan Neely, Street/Parks Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henke at 4:00 P.M. with a quorum present. Motion by O'Connell, 2nd by Herter to approve the agenda as presented.

Discuss Joint Water/Sewer Project with New London Utilities. Last month, staff was requested to investigate doing a joint sewer and water project on Wyman Street and Beacon Avenue with the New London Utilities. Current construction costs are extremely favorable. The Director recommended that if we are going to do a total reconstruction of these roads, that the replacement of the storm sewer, curb & gutter, new road base and paving should also be a part of the plans. Earth Tech engineers estimated total reconstruction costs for storm & sanitary sewers and street improvements to be \$1,200,000.

Jeff Bodoh provided a map showing the results of the sanitary sewer televising. The sewer tapes show this main to be an old clay pipe that is structurally sound, with minimal roots, cracks and sags. There is no immediate need for replacement. However, the cost savings could be substantial for the city if we act now.

Another item for consideration is the Task Order from Earth Tech for design services in the amount of \$35,000. They are providing the design services for New London Utilities water main. If we tie-in our design services with theirs, this would be another area to save on costs. After considerable discussion of the pros and cons, it was the consensus of the Board to move ahead with this project. Motion by Herter / O'Connell to recommend that the Council proceed with a joint Utility-City project on Wyman Street & Beacon Avenue and contract with Earth Tech for engineering services. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Approve Paving for Concrete Material Bins in City Yard. City crews built material bins in the city yard using the large concrete blocks from MCC, Inc. These bins will be used to store compost, sand, gravel, etc. MCC, Inc. has given us a price of \$1,500 to pave a small area in and around these bins. Motion by Herter / Kopitzke to approve paving for the concrete material bins in the city yard. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Approve Bid for Pavement Marking Enhancement Project. In 2005, Waupaca County Highway Dept. and the City of New London were approved to receive State Grant funds in the amount of \$35,000 for a Pavement Marking Enhancement Project with the costs to be split 75% State, 12.5% County and 12.5% City. These grant funds are provided to

improve signing and markings to help assist elderly drivers and pedestrian traffic. Bids have been let for this project, with a low bid from Brickline, Inc. in the amount of \$39,062.00. Since this bid is higher than our original Agreement with the County, the Director is recommending we reduce some of the item quantities to stay within our contract constraints. We can negotiate these items with Brickline, Inc. Motion from Herminath / Herter to recommend that the Council approve the Pavement Marking Enhancement Bid for a not-to-exceed cost of \$35,000. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Results of Informational Meeting on Beckert Road/Division Street Intersection Redesign. On July 16th there was an informational meeting hosted by the New London Public Works and Waupaca Co. Highway Dept. to discuss the proposed street improvements at the intersection of Division St. and Beckert Rd. The suggestions were to install a four-way stop, mark crosswalks and install a wider right turn lane. Using these guidelines, the County Highway Dept. will check into getting hazard elimination funding for this project. The Board will be kept abreast of the progress.

Request from Waupaca County Highway Committee For Meeting Regarding Mutual Projects. The County has requested a meeting with our respective committees to get input on several joint projects with the City. Primary projects are Wyman Street/Beacon Avenue utilities and street reconstruction, Pearl Street Bridge replacement and the Wolf River Ave. /Shawano Street intersection. Our Board proposed a meeting date of September 4th. Director will follow up on this.

Monthly Reports of the Director and Engineer. The reports were reviewed by the Board members, and there was some general discussion. The Engineer noted that the minutes from the July 25th Ad Hoc Traffic Committee had been forwarded to Waupaca Co. Hwy. Dept. to advise them of the recommendations related to the redesign of the intersection of Beckert Rd. and Division St. and the Wolf River Ave. / Shawano Street reconstruction project.

Other matters, if any. Director informed the Board that Earth Tech would be starting the river retaining wall inspection on August 8th and updated the Board regarding letters sent to the property owners along the sanitary sewer project on E. Spring Street. Board members requested that the Wolf River Avenue/ Shawano Street Reconstruction Project be on next month's agenda for discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Herter / Kopitzke at 4:50 P.M. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Tour of City Garage. Dan Neely, Street/Park Superintendent gave the Board a tour of the City Garage and provided answers to their questions.