CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY, June 6, 2011

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Robert Besaw, Lori Dean, and Ron Steinhorst

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff Bodoh, Public Works Director
Kent Hager, City Administrator
Gary Henke, Mayor
John Romberg, Alderperson
Louie Dresen, WWTP Superintendent
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant
Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director
Dan Neely, Public Works/Parks & Recreation Superintendent

1. Chairman Barrington called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

   Motion by Steinhorst / Dean to approve the agenda as presented. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

2. WWTP Update. Louie reported on the plant operation for May, which included general maintenance repairs and the usual lab work. The DNR approved two new sites for sludge disposal.

   Gravity Thickener/Final Clarifier Painting Proposals. Louie received bids from three companies for painting the remaining clarifier and the gravity thickener.

   Motion by Dean / Steinhorst to recommend to Council to approve Crane Engineering for painting the gravity thickener and final clarifer for a total cost of $24,900.00. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

   2010 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Louie and Ben Greuel completed the DNR required CMAR which is a summary of how well the WWTP has operated.

   Motion by Steinhorst / Herter to recommend to Council to approve Resolution No. 1247, Resolution to Approve the 2010 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for WWTP. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

3. Personnel Recommendation. Included in the packet was a memo put together from meetings between Kent Hager, Jeff Bodoh, Chad Hoerth, and Dan Neely regarding staffing options to cover recent and upcoming retirements in several departments.

Motion by Herter / Dean to recommend to Finance & Personnel Committee to approve hiring a full-time employee for the Street Division/Truck Driver position. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

4. City Vehicle Fleet Options. There is a need for a replacement vehicle for the Building & Grounds department. Hoerth composed a memo showing the vehicle needs and uses for the Street, Parks & Recreation, and Building & Grounds departments. This issue will be looked at more closely at the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. No recommendation from the Board was necessary at this time.

5. 2011 Sewer Televising Proposal. Bodoh presented proposals from four sewer televising companies.

   Motion by Besaw / Herter to recommend to Council to approve the Sewer Televising proposal from Speedy Clean Drain & Sewer for a cost of $2488.00, with an Hourly Rate for Sewer Cleaning of $210.00. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

6. 2011 Chemical Root Control Proposal. One company submitted a proposal for chemical root control.

   Motion Steinberg / Besaw to recommend to Council to approve the Chemical Root Control proposal from Duke's Root Control at a cost of $3,385.62. Five voting aye. Motion carried.

7. Monthly Report of Director/Engineer. There were no questions on Bodoh's written report. Bodoh was asked if the Jeanne Street project was going to be done this summer. It will be done; weather and short staff have been reasons for the delay.

8. Other Matters. A question was asked why the street sweeping downtown is done after cars are parked in the morning. It was stated that there were complaints about the noise when it was done earlier. The Board thought it should be done earlier and also swept a couple times a week.

   The Board asked Bodoh to put a notice in the paper or on the Cable Access Channel about not blowing grass clippings into the street and that leaf/brush pickup is done for this spring. Also, they asked if the brush pile in the cemetery had been pushed back to make more room.

   Bodoh told the Board he was looking at possibly mud jacking some spots where the sidewalks have sunk.

9. Motion by Steinhorst to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m., second by Dean. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Director of Public Works