

CITY OF NEW LONDON
MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Members Present: Chairman Mike Barrington, Dennis Herter, Bob 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
Tom O'Connell, Alderperson
David Morack, Alderperson
Ben Greuel, WWTP Chief Operator
Janet Searl, Administrative Assistant
James Massonet
John Faucher

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. Ben discussed his notes and his recommendations for the 2015 budget. Because of reductions in employee costs and savings in chemicals and sludge reduction the budget is under last year's. It may be possible to purchase a generator with money in this year's budget. The rate study is included in the 2015 budget so it can run in conjunction with one proposed by New London Utilities.
3. 2015 Public Works Budget. Other than a 2% increase for wages and an increase for insurance, there are no significant changes over the 2014 budget.
4. River Wall Study. MSA was able to inspect the river wall and do survey work at the end of July. In a memo included in the packet there were several rough estimates given that started with minimal repair recommendations.

At 5:16 p.m., Rob Way called the Parks & Recreation Meeting to order for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with Public Works to discuss the city garage and Street/Parks Superintendent position.

Roll Call (in addition to above): Rob Way, Bob Marcks, Chad Hoerth.

5. Status of City Garage. Keller found unsuitable fill during recent soil borings so they are working on what additional costs will be for removal and replacement with good fill. Plans for the building are approximately 60% complete. They will meet with a design group for a more accurate estimate of costs.

6. Street/Parks Superintendent Position. Bodoh pointed out three options for replacing Dan Neely when he retires: 1) Hire from outside; 2) Promote from within; or 3) Separate the position into a Parks Supervisor and a Street Supervisor. Bodoh predicted an approximate time frame of three months from the time the ad is placed to the selection and interview processes. The Board would like the ad placed soon so it may be possible to have a candidate to begin working with Dan as early as February sometime to get familiar with the snow plowing routine. The Board would like Bodoh to bring the Superintendent job description to the next Public Works meeting.
7. Motion by Dean to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m., second by Steinhorst. Motion carried by all.

Jeffrey Bodoh
Director of Public Works