

STREET COMMISSION

CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the November 29, 2011, Meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS: Jim Abbott Charles Bricher
Gary Wodele Jim Pfeilsticker
Brad Thimmesch
STAFF: Tony Johnson – Street Superintendent
Sue Schamaun

The Regular Meeting of the Street Commission was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 3:00 pm at the City Hall and was called to order by Commissioner Bricher at 3:06 p.m.

Roll call found the following commissioners present: Bricher, Wodele, Thimmesch
Commissioner Abbot arrived at 3:15 pm
Commissioner Pfeilsticker was absent.

Mayor Rollin Hall was present.

Commissioners Bricher and Thimmesch moved to approve the September 27, 2011 minutes. Adopted unanimously.

Loader Inspection:

Tony reported the City's John Deere Front-End Loader has never had a major inspection and the City has owned it for 10 years. He reported they have been performing minor maintenance on it but now it is due per the hours for having an engine inspection as well as the valves adjusted and the arms and joints looked through. He stated he quoted out platforms on the sides and the ladder and the two platforms and hardware will be \$3,000. He stated before doing that, he would like to have the loader inspected. He stated John Deere will come out to the shop and go through the loader top to bottom and give a good explanation about what condition it is in. It has 4300 hours on it so it is nearing or past what the normal trade-in hours is on it. The inspection will cost approximately \$2,000.

Commissioner Bricher felt it should be done and that the City should know what they are dealing with.

Tony reported he has approximately \$90,000 in the Equipment Replacement Fund and thinks a new loader will be about \$130,000-\$140,000. With the money in the Equipment Replace Fund and what the City will get for a trade-in value, for \$40,000-\$50,000 we would be close to getting a new loader.

Commissioner Thimmesch suggested talking to the company that will be doing the loader inspection and see if they would waive the inspection fee if in the end after doing the bidding, they would be the company the City would purchase the new loader from. Tony stated he would look into it.

After discussion, Commissioners Thimmesh and Wodele moved to approve moving forward with the inspection for the John Deere Front-End Loader. Adopted unanimously.

Snow Removal Bids:

Tony reported he received two bids for 2011-2012 snow removal. The following bids were received:

- Danckwart Landscaping LLC - \$69.00/truck/hour
- James D. Roemer Cont. - \$80.00/truck/hour

Commissioners Thimmesh and Wodele moved to approve the 2011-2012 snow removal contract bid to Danckwart Landscaping LLC for \$69.00/truck/hour. Adopted unanimously.

Tony stated he would contact James D. Roemer Cont. and inquire if he would be interested in being notified second if Danckwart Landscaping cannot be reached.

It was also noted that if a snow hauling company does not show, they lose the contract as per noted in the contract.

Street Commission Appointments:

Mayor Hall asked Commissioner Bricher if he was interested in renewing his appointment for another 3-year term. Commissioner Bricher stated he would renew.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fuel Containment:

Tony reported the City's fuel tanks are small enough that we do not need a containment system. He stated they preferred the tanks be on a cement slab so leaks can be detected. The cement was put at the corner of the shop and an electrical box will be installed with a paddle lock. There will be a key on each ignition on the vehicles. It will be a benefit having it at the shop.

Alley (River City Hairstyling):

Tony reported a survey was completed on the alley and it showed the City has more room than was previously thought. There is a dumpster and some cement on City property behind the Meyer property and there are a couple garages right on the line. He stated it is too late this year to deal with it so he will prepare a letter this winter that will detail what the City's intentions are, and the letter will come to the Street Commission for approval and then be forwarded to the City Attorney. It will be sent to the property owners prior to any work that will be done in the spring.

Lawrence Boulevard Curb:

Tony reported Mr. Pete Ochsner met with him and explained what he wanted to do with the curb. Tony stated he directed Mr. Ochsner to bring a plan and possibly a photo back that he can present to the Street Commission. Mr. Ochsner will be gone during the winter so Tony stated he doesn't feel a plan will be submitted until the spring.

Coulee Way Erosion Repair:

Tony reported the City received \$10,000 from FEMA to fix the erosion along Coulee Way. Danckwart Landscaping LLC was awarded the bid and the work has been finished and looks good. No City money was spent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Bricher stated the Council will discuss the Road Project at the December 6th meeting. He further stated he took a petition to fix roads around Main Street. The petition was based on the City's current Public Improvement Policy which cites a 30/40 assessment. He stated he got a couple signatures and basically some residents stated they would be alright with assessment if it was 20/20. He stated in order to pass a 20/20 assessment, it takes a 6/7 Council vote.

Discussion was held on the Road Project in relation to assessments and possible referendum.

Mayor Hall asked Commissioner Abbott if he was interested in renewing his appointment for another 3-year term. Commissioner Abbott stated he would renew his appointment.

At 4:04 pm, Commissioners Wodele and Thimmesch moved to adjourn. Adopted unanimously.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk