

STREET COMMISSION

CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the November 30, 2010, Meeting:

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

The Regular Meeting of the Street Commission was held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 3:00 pm at the City Hall and was called to order by Commissioner Bricher at 3:00 p.m.

Roll call found all Commissioners present except Commissioner Jones.

Commissioners Wodele and Bricher moved to approve the October 26, 2010, minutes. Adopted unanimously.

Mutual Aid – MN Warn:

Tony reported he met with the City Attorney and stated the MN Warn Mutual Aid is acceptable and it does not open the City up to any extra liability. It was determined to bring back to the next Street Commission meeting so Commissioners could review the entire policy.

Appointment Renewals: Gary Wodele and Brad Thimmesch's appointments will end at the end of 2010 and discussion was held on whether they would renew their terms or step down. After discussion, Commissioners Abbott and Bricher moved to recommend Council renew Commissioner Wodele's and Thimmesch's 2-year terms until 2012. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Bricher, Wodele, Abbott

Nays: None

Abstain: Thimmesch

Sidewalk Approach Request – Ms. Danielle Baker:

Tony stated Ms. Danielle Baker owns the hair salon across the street from the Bowling Alley and she is requesting the Street Department paint a parking stall yellow by the sidewalk approach so people could use that approach. After discussion, it was determined to table this issue until it is time to re-stripe that area again. Tony stated he would contact Danielle Baker with the Commission's decision.

Alley between 8th and 9th Streets and Pierce & Washington:

Tony stated an adjacent property owner has brought to his attention the fact the City has been plowing and grading on the described alley and it seems to be working out to his property. Tony distributed a picture which shows the area and also the property owner's dumpster that is on a cement slab to the Commission for review. After discussion, it was determined Tony would talk

to Molly about setback's for dumpsters and also right-of-way and actual width of the road and then to bring back to the next Street Commission meeting.

FEMA Information:

Tony reported the City had flood damage in different areas and the City has pictures for documentation. An agent came down and looked at everything and some jobs have been completed and all the bills, time and labor has been turned in and he is in the process of putting everything together and writing his report and then he will submit for payment. It may be a long process.

Street Light Base Replacement: Main/Bailey (Paul Busch Auto):

Tony reported that a street light base on Main and Bailey needs to be replaced as the concrete that is surrounding it is coming undone. Tony stated there is no conduit or electrical in it, so the concrete will be cut out with 4 ft. and drill out a new hole. This will be a spring project.

Tony reported the Street Light for the corner of Second Street and Alleghany Avenue came in today.

Storm Clean-Up:

Tony stated he checked with Lake City and Plainview and they handle storm clean up like we do. Tony felt it wouldn't be a good use of City time to change the City's policy when storms don't happen that often. Discussion was held on storm damage issues such as tree removal, stump grinding etc. It was felt since the City has a Snow/Ice Maintenance Policy and a Forestation Control Ordinance that has a section on trees, it would be a good idea to be consistent and either amend the Ordinance or draft a Storm Damage Policy. **After discussion, Commissioners Abbott and Bricher moved to amend the current Forestation Control Ordinance to incorporate that if a tree comes down in the City's Right-of-Way, the City will remove the tree and it will be the responsibility of the homeowner to grind the stump. The motion was adopted unanimously.**

Snow Hauling Bids:

Tony reported he received one bid from Jim Roemer for \$69.50 per hour. He stated last year we paid Mr. Roemer \$75.00 per hour so going out for bids has gotten the City a better rate. **After discussion, Commissioners Bricher and Abbott moved to accept Mr. Jim Roemer's bid for snow removal at \$69.50/truck/hour. Adopted unanimously.**

2011 Street Project – Council Update:

Commissioner Bricher stated Council moved to proceed forward with plans and specs for the 2011 Street Project. Councilperson Bricher stated the reason for moving forward with plans and specs is the design work and then the design work is good whether you do the work now or later. The drawings would be done and the City would own those drawings and then that part is done whenever the City decides to move forward with any physical work.

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk