

# STREET COMMISSION

## CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the February 22, 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, February 22, 2011, 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 Pfeilsticker. City Planner, Molly Patterson-Lundgren, was also present.

Commissioners Wodele and Abbott moved to approve the January 25, 2011 minutes. Adopted unanimously.

Tony announced there would be a City Financial Meeting at the new Justice Center tonight at 6:00 pm. It was recommended Commissioners attend as street projects will be discussed.

**Sidewalk Discussion:** Molly stated the Planning Commission is working on rewriting the Subdivision Ordinance which controls rules and regulations when a new development is being planned and put in. She stated her information being presented does not address how to pay for sidewalks, it is being presented in the manner that all things being equal, where should the City put in sidewalks and trails, where is the best route and how many. One issue that will be need to be addressed is the width of sidewalks and further stated that when the City put in their current trails, the Park Board followed standards for Shared-Use Path's which recommend between 5'-14' in general and decided on 10' trails would be the City's standard. Shared-Use Paths are assuming it will be used by walkers, bikers, wheelchairs, etc.

Molly presented maps showing current sidewalks and trails and also proposed trails and planned roads. She pointed out to Commissioners that the Park Board looks at trails from a recreational standpoint and the Street Commission needs to look at trails from a transportation standpoint.

Discussion was held on width of sidewalks and determined the average sidewalk width per MnDOT's standards would be reasonable. It was further determined it would be cost effective to have sidewalks for both sides of the road put into the design process for the 2011 Street Project due to the shooting of grades, etc. If sidewalks are not included in the 2011 Street Project, the design part would be done and could be implemented at a later date.

After discussion, Commissioners Wodele and Abbott moved to include the sidewalk design as presented by City Planner, Molly Patterson-Lundgren, for the streets that are identified in the 2011 Street Project. Adopted unanimously.

**Seal Coating Discussion:** Tony informed Commissioners that he spoke with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, who did the City's seal coating in 2010, and they have offered doing 2011 seal coating at the 2010 price. Tony stated he contacted City Attorney, Peter Ekstrand, and he stated the City could accept the offer due to having received two bids in 2010.

After discussion, Commissioners Bricher and Wodele moved to authorize Tony to accept the 2010 bid for seal coating from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for 2011 seal coating. Adopted unanimously.

**Radio Update:** Tony stated the Fire Department and Ambulance Department were awarded a grant to help replace their radios for the mandatory update due to the FCC regulation. The Street Department may buy portable radios and carry the radios with them versus getting truck mounted radios. The portable radios are approximately half the cost of the truck mounted radios.

At 3:58 pm, Commissioners Abbott and Thimmesch moved to adjourn. Adopted unanimously.

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Susan Schamaun, City Clerk