

STREET COMMISSION

CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the March 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, March 29, 2011, at 3:00 pm at the City Hall and was called to order by Commissioner Bricher at 3:02 p.m.

Roll call found all Commissioners present except Abbott. Commissioner Abbott arrived at 3:15 pm.

Commissioners Wodele and Bricher moved to approve the February 22, 2011 minutes. Adopted unanimously.

Stop Sign Request at Circle Drive & Pierce Avenue – Ms. Michelle Meyer:

Michelle Meyer stated there are 13 children 10 years and under from her cul-de-sac side to the other cul-de-sac side on Circle Drive. She further stated there are high school students that go by quite fast and they don't slow down at all for the corner to come down Circle Drive because there is nothing to stop them. Commissioner Thimmesch stated he has seen it when working in that area. Commissioner Pfeilsticker stated he has seen it also and further stated there are too many small children in that area not to do something as it is an accident waiting to happen. Commissioner Pfeilsticker also stated he received a phone call from Anna Arens who also requested this Stop sign on Pierce at Circle Drive. Commissioner Bricher stated currently there is a Yield sign on Circle Drive.

After discussion, Commissioners Thimmesch and Bricher moved to approve the request of installing a Stop sign on Pierce Avenue at Circle Drive due to safety concerns. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Thimmesch, Bricher, Pfeilsticker

Nays: Wodele

Proposed Street Project Update:

Tony reported many residents came to the March 22nd Council meeting and the majority voiced that they wanted the whole city to pay for the road project. Council approved plans and specs and also approved going out for bids for Alleghany Avenue, a segment of Main Street and Washington Avenue and Tenth Street as one project. He also reported as this project moves forward, there will be more issues to be discussed in reference to how to pay for the project. Commissioner Bricher stated he is going to approach the Mayor about having 3 options. The first would be to amend the Public Improvement Policy to the 30/40 assessment rates that were proposed during the public hearing. Next he is going to ask to amend the ordinance to take out

assessments completely and then ask the City Administrator look into how to do a bond issue or a referendum which could result in a special election.

Crackseal Bids:

Tony reported he sent out requesting bids for crack sealing to two different companies and only received one bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. He also reported he has three pallets of crack sealer in storage. He stated he has streets picked out to seal coat but he wants to crack seal first.

Hot Box Purchase:

Tony stated that since his department will probably be doing a lot of street patching, he has found a way to keep their black top hot after patching on a normal day and also the cold mix in the winter as it is hard to keep it pliable to be able to shovel. He presented information on a Hot Box which is a unit that fits in the back of the one-ton and is hooked up to the anti-freeze system and then they have to get the truck warm and put the mix in and it heats it up and it also has a tarp that goes over the unit. He stated this unit would cost approximately \$7,850.00 plus \$500 for installation. This will result in savings as the City did not have a way to keep mix warm in the past when patching and would result in dumping some asphalt due to it cooling and not having a way to keep it warm. It becomes unworkable and would have to be discarded which would result in about \$60.00 a day when patching. This unit will keep the mix warm so there will be minimal waste and will result in more patching getting done especially with the deterioration of the city streets. He further stated he has letters from Waupaca County Highway Commission, Dodge County Highway Commission and Marathon County Highway Department that are using this system and recommend this system as it has been extremely beneficial and made their maintenance projects more efficient. He also stated MN Dot has ordered quite a few of these units for different districts also. Tony stated he has \$6,000 in his equipment account and then has available funds in the Equipment Replacement Fund. Street Commission felt with the current economy and the condition of the city streets, this unit would be a great asset to the Street Department and to the City.

Commissioners Pfeilsticker and Wodele moved to direct Tony Johnson to order and purchase the Hot Box unit from Five D Industries as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Slurry Seal Information:

Tony reported he has been working with Bill Anderson, City Engineer, to come up with a better quality of seal coat to result in more longevity. Bill is going to do some price checking. They have heard of Slurry Seal, which is a type of pavement maintenance system, and Bill and Tony will be going out and looking at this system in other communities. This is just informational and will be an ongoing task.

Street Sign Quotes:

Tony stated he requested street sign quotes from several companies. He received the following quotes:

- MR Sign - \$4,404.04
- Econo Signs - \$4,774.80
- Newman Traffic Signs - \$3,887.03
- Earl F. Anderson - \$3,998.67

Tony stated Newman Traffic Signs submitted the low bid. Tony stated they will start the street sign replacement program on the West side. The first signs to be replaced need to be street

traffic control signs. He also stated a plan has to be in place by 2012 and in 2015, the City has to start the street name signs which are considered information signs. Tony stated he will be ordering post adapters which will cut down on the number of posts needed. The post adapters save on ordering \$40 posts plus labor. The post adapters fit on a channel post and the receiver will take the street sign brackets. Tony stated he is checking with the County Engineer to make sure the brackets meet requirements along County Roads.

After discussion, Commissioners Wodele and Pfeilsticker moved to accept Newman Traffic Signs Quote for street signs. Adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Thimmesch asked what the City charged campers for moving their campers. He was told there was a \$50.00 charge. He further wanted to know how many City guys are involved with the move, how many trucks, loader, etc. He wondered if the City charges enough to cover their costs for this service. Tony stated if we went by City fees, the charge would be more than \$50.00.

At 3:55 pm, Commissioners Thimmesch and Bricher moved to adjourn. Adopted unanimously.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk