

STREET COMMISSION

CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the July 27, 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, May 25, 2010, at 3:00 pm at the City Hall and was called to order by Commissioner Bricher at 3:07 p.m.

Roll call found all Commissioners present except Commissioners Abbott and Jones.

City Planner, Molly Patterson-Lundgren was present. Resident Kathy Skold was present.

Commissioners Wodele and Bricher moved to approve the May 25, 2010, minutes. Adopted unanimously.

Street Maintenance Update:

Tony reported the crack sealing is done on the new paved streets. The poly fiber work is not done and the sealcoating will happen after that. He reported crews are backlogged due to the rain.

Tony reported Council decided to wait until next year to do any work on streets. Commissioner Bricher stated the Council directed City Engineer, Bill Anderson, to do a feasibility study on the City streets outlined in the 2010 Street Priority List.

Third St W. & Bridge Avenue Complaint-Kathy Skold:

Kathy Skold stated she originally thought there would be parking issues on her street due to the Knabe and Koopman marinas but there hasn't been. She further stated that due to their proximity to the campground and marinas and the park systems, they are on a very heavily traveled neighborhood on either Bridge or Third Street and also, different events provide different logistical problems. She stated there is a fair amount of foot traffic and wheelchair traffic as people from Maple Grove cut down their street to go downtown for concerts, etc. She stated it seems it is dangerous exiting out of their alley due to the increased traffic.

City Planner, Molly Patterson-Lundgren, stated as things continue to change and grow, it is important the Planning Commission and Street Commission need to be aware of concerns.

Kathy Skold concluded requesting signage for this area due to the amount of children in this area as well as the high amount of pedestrian traffic.

Molly suggested that maybe it would be appropriate for the City and the County to sit down and review the County roads that go through town and the traffic patterns and discuss long-term

planning and thoughts about where are the pedestrian routes, where should the crosswalks be, do we have them where they need to be and the sharing of ideas may be beneficial.

The Street Commission thanked Kathy Skold for coming to the meeting.

Replacement of Lamp Post at Second Street and Pembroke Avenue:

Tony reported the wrong lamp post was sent and it has been returned. The new lamp post has been ordered.

Paving on Broadway Avenue:

Tony reported he spoke with Eric Passe and he plans on starting with patching in the next two weeks.

No Parking Signs on Grant Blvd:

Due to safety issues along Grant Boulevard when there is parking on both sides due to fishing tournaments, etc, it was determined to put up temporary no parking signs along Grant Boulevard during the fishing tournaments, fireworks, etc.

Molly Patterson-Lundgren reported the FitCity Group will be marking a five-mile bike route through town and she stated she and Tony went through and determined where signage should go as well as pavement markings. She stated there is currently a walking tour with walking tour brochures that were developed with grant funds. She stated the bike tour would use these same routes. She stated Minnesota has adopted federal standards for signage for pavement parking etc. She stated the City is trying to meet those standards at the local level and new signage would also meet the new reflectivity standards that will be mandatory in the next few years. She said funding for this project would be coming through the County Health Department from the State Health Initiative Project (SHIP). The only thing required of the City is to install the signs and paint. Also, banners are being considered as reminders that people are biking and walking. Molly explained Chris Fancher, Chamber of Commerce, reported people ask about routes for biking, walking etc. After discussion, Commissioners Wodele and Thimmesch moved to approve and adopt the Bike Route Project as presented. Adopted unanimously.

The meeting unanimously adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Susan Schamaun, City Clerk