

# STREET COMMISSION

## CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the September 27, 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, September 27, 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 Wodele.

Mr. Pete Ochsner was present.

**Commissioners Abbott and Pfeilsticker moved to approve the August 30, 2011 minutes. Adopted unanimously.**

### **Painting Lawrence Boulevard – Mr. Pete Ochsner:**

Mr. Pete Ochsner stated during races i.e. 5k etc., the race organizations paint Lawrence Boulevard and it does not wash off easily and remains for a long period of time. He suggested using signs vs. paint. He stated that a rule or regulation be instituted or mandate using signage and also felt the race organizations probably wouldn't object if they knew about it. He said he is looking for some support in this issue.

Tony Johnson stated the Street Department is not involved with the races and the painting of the streets but he would

### **Signage on Lawrence Boulevard – Mr. Pete Ochsner:**

Mr. Pete Ochsner stated he does not object to cars parking on Lawrence Boulevard with the exception of the parking of big motor homes and buses and trucks with trailers. They are parking on the grass and feels that is not reasonable. He stated signage on Lawrence Boulevard restricting the parking of motor homes, buses and trucks with trailers would be reasonable. He stated he is looking for guidance and support in limiting the parking of these types of vehicles on Lawrence Boulevard.

### **Curb & Gutter on Lawrence Boulevard – Mr. Pete Ochsner:**

Mr. Pete Ochsner stated on the river side of Lawrence Boulevard, Mike Stroot informed him he has cracks in his retaining wall. He stated it appears with water that runs down the road off from the direction of Plank's property, it is running off the road and behind his retaining wall and is causing cracks and will eventually push his retaining wall. He stated he talked to his neighbor about extending it past his property, but he is not interested. He wants permission to maybe put in curb and gutter to try to carry the water flow past that area similar to how it was handled at the other end of Lawrence Boulevard by Wodele's property. He further stated he would like to do the project this fall.

Tony reported it would be helpful to have an aerial photo or some type of map or survey to review and further stated he would have to go down there and see where it is and what is happening and where it would change to if changes or improvements were made.

**Fuel Containment Vessel:**

Tony reported he is waiting for pricing from vendors on plastic or poly-type fuel containment vessels. Will bring information back to the next meeting. He stated he also called the PCA about spacing and is waiting for that information.

**Army Reserve Building/Property:**

Tony reported there was an open house to tour the Armory Reserve Building on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The shop area is much bigger and better than what the current City shop is and everything is up-to-date. There are two large buildings on nine acres.

**Coulee Way Ditch Repairs (FEMA):**

The City received FEMA funds to make repairs to the Coulee Way ditch (washout) that had storm damage. He reported bids are going out for putting in rip rap and putting in culverts. The project will be completed either this fall or next spring.

**Wabasha County SHIP Grant (Bike Route):**

The Wabasha County SHIP Grant paid for paint and signs for the bike route around the City. The City only had to provide the labor. This project is completed.

**Public Works Generator Switchbox:**

Tony reported he met with Brad from Thimmesch Electric about the generator switchbox. Since the City is looking at the Army Reserve Building, he recommends putting off purchasing the generator switchbox until the City determines what they are doing with that property.

**Sign Replacement Program:**

Tony reported the deadline dates have been pushed back for the mandatory Sign Replacement Program due to Cities claiming hardships in purchasing sign. The restrictions for this program have also been scaled back. Tony reported he did budget for some sign replacement in 2012 and he will replace the most important regulatory signs.

At 3:45 pm, Commissioners Pfeilsticker and Abbott moved to adjourn. Adopted unanimously.

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Susan Schamaun, City Clerk