

## Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – October 31, 2022

**Members Present:** Phil Wedekind, Tom Kolb and John Ellington. **Others Present:** Police Chief Sinden, Tom Pinion (remote), Tony Gilman and Wade Peterson.

**Call to Order** - Committee Tom Kolb called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at Baraboo City Service Center. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted. It was moved by Wedekind, seconded by Ellington to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Ellington, seconded by Wedekind to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

**Public Invited To Speak** (*Any citizen has the right to speak on any item of business that is on the agenda for this meeting if recognized by the presiding officer.*) – There were no speakers.

### Action Items

- a. Consider extending Landfill Monitoring Contract with MSA through 2025 – Pinion provided the history of landfill monitoring and explained that MSA has been providing these services since 1983 when the monitoring wells and gas probes were originally installed. Kolb asked if it would be prudent to solicit Proposals from other consultants for this service. Pinion explained that he spoke to a few consultants in 2019 when the last 3-year contract was approved and there was not much interest given MSA’s history with this facility. Pinion explained that MSA has been a strong advocate for this facility and was successful in reducing the frequency of monitoring and testing, which resulted in a substantial savings. He recommended continuing with MSA for the next three years. It was moved by Ellington and seconded by Wedekind to recommend renewing this 3-year contract. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Consider revising the Official Traffic Map to restrict parking on west side of Draper Street from southern most access to the northern most access to the John Young Middle School – Pinion presented the background on this item and explained the Middle School would like the same regulations that East School has on 6<sup>th</sup> Street since it seems to work better than what exists at the JYMS. It was moved by Wedekind, seconded by Ellington to forward this item to the Common Council to revise the Ordinance with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Review Prospective New Sidewalk Construction Project(s) for 2023 – Pinion explained that since the streets that are scheduled for reconstruction next year already have sidewalk, there are funds available in the “new sidewalk fund” to construct brand new sidewalks in 2023. The Committee reviewed this matter and suggested that new sidewalks be construction on Birch Street, from 13<sup>th</sup> Ave to Madison Ave, where no sidewalk presently exists. If sufficient funding is available, the Committee suggested the north side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street as much as 11<sup>th</sup> St and/or 10 St from Elizabeth St to Jefferson St as funds are available.
- d. Review and approval of monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers for September and October 2022 – It was move by Ellington, seconded by Wedekind to approve the monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for September and October as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Information Items – None

- a. Discussion about the need to require the replacement of the “private side” of any existing lead water service lines as part of the 2024 STH 33 Reconstruction Project.
- b. Reminder of the Preliminary Resolution Declaring the City’s Intent to Levy Special Assessments for Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacements as part of the 2024 STH 33 Reconstruction Project (Approved 7-14-2020).

## **Reports**

- a. Utility Superintendent's Report
  - i. Staffing Updates – Peterson explained that the vacancy created by Bill Clary returning to employment with the Village of West Baraboo as Director of DPW. The Utility was fortunate to hire Dale Emberson, an experienced and certified operator and he started last month.
  - ii. Project Updates – Peterson said that the water tower is finished and the support structures for US Cellular are being painted to match and then US Cellular can get their equipment back on the tower in the next couple of weeks. He said 18 properties were notified regarding lead service replacement and 14 signed contracts of been received; therefore, out of the four left it will be first two received that will be replaced. Peterson explained manhole relining to the Committee.
- b. Street Superintendent's Report
  - i. Staffing Updates – Staffing remains the same. Gilman mentioned staff operated on a 2:00am – 10:00am schedule to crackfill higher traffic streets.
  - ii. Project Updates – Gilman spoke about equipment replacement being scheduled for 2023. Plow trucks may take as long as August 2024 to arrive if ordered January 2023. Gilman mentioned an end loader replacement being scheduled for 2023. Gilman spoke of the Enterprise Fleet program and the replacement of 1-tons and pickups for DPW and that they are still looking into best financial options for replacement of those vehicles.
  - iii. Activity Report – Gilman said the final alley that was scheduled for reconstruction in 2023, the Lynn to Walnut Alley directly west of Rapid River Apartments, has been completed! He also explained that the new sidewalk construction project in Victory Heights subdivision was completed last week.
- c. Interim Police Chief's Report
  - i. Staffing Updates – Sinden said that everything in his power is being down to retain employees, but it depends on how negotiations go. He said that the School Resource Officer Program is contingent on what the school offers. Kolb asked if the SRO are trained in mental health. Sinden answered in the affirmative and said that all officers are training in mental health issues.
  - ii. Case/Response Update – Sinden discussed the department's chronic nuisance complaints. He said that a chronic nuisance is houses that they constantly go to for disorderly conduct, drugs, noise, etc. There has been seven in 2022 and six have been repaired or the occupants have moved out. He said that the ordinance is working well. Sinden then explained the three reports to the Committee. Sinden said that well on the way to signed contacts for squad leasing. He said that all new squad cars on patrol will be hybrids and use less fuel.
- d. Fire Chief's Report – No report – refer to October 28<sup>th</sup> Memo from Chief Stieve.

**AJOURNMENT** – It was moved by Ellington, seconded by Wedekind to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kolb, Chairman