

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

1:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Present: Dustin Goutermont  
Jim FitzGerald  
Troy LeBlanc

Excused: James Canning  
Shane Hoff

Lana Fralich – City Administrator  
Corey Cook – Public Works Superintendent

Goutermont called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda** – Motion LeBlanc, second FitzGerald to approve the agenda as presented.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes** – Motion by FitzGerald, second LeBlanc to approve minutes of the February 16, 2022 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS

**Airport Maintenance** – Continuing to mow and do building maintenance. There was discussion on using hangars for storage of items other than planes.

**Outer Drive Beautification Project** – Nine trees have been planted, 6 on boulevards and 3 along Outer Drive. There was discussion on the Master Sign Plan for the city.

**Sidewalks** – VanHouse Construction was awarded the bid to replace sections of sidewalks that are in need of repair due to water breaks or safety issues as part of the city's annual repairs and is to be complete by end of September.

**Citywide Street Improvement Project** – Commission reviewed information from Bolton & Menk for improvement streets throughout the city, which conditions of streets and costs to improve. There was discussion on funding, the lack of grants, designated CSAH and County roads, and impacts to residents. There was discussion on repairing roads as a priority based upon the feedback received during both the Comprehensive Plan and the current MN Design Team visit from the residents, special assessments, public financing companies, impact of Northshore Mining closure, and need for public input. Consensus of Commission is to send an informational letter to residents and hold a public meeting.

**East Lakeview Drive/Black Beach Park Improvement Plan-** Plans need to be reviewed by MNDOT, once approved the city can continue to finalize plans, work with Northshore Mining on final steps, and then bid for construction.

**Storm Sewers and Catch Basins** – There are four on order to be replaced in September.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Code Reviews- Chapter 9 & 10-** There was discussion of current codes and clarifying requirements for driveways, working with Gary Thompson on these issues, and that the Commission will review the Chapter 9 & 10 Codes and provide recommended updates for discussion at the next meeting.

Motion by LeBlanc, second FitzGerald to adjourn at 2:04 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson