

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Present: Jim FitzGerald
Shane Hoff
Spencer Ketola

Excused: Dustin Goutermont
Troy LeBlanc

Lana Fralich, City Administrator
Joe Rhein, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM
Derek Benoy, Bolton & Menk via ZOOM
Carolyn Hudyma

Alternate Chair FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Agenda – Motion by Ketola, second Hoff to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes – Motion by Hoff, second Ketola to approve minutes of the July 29, 2024 Special Meeting and August 7, 2024 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS –

Lake County CSAH Project- Joe Rhein presented an update on the CSAH project. The utility plan is near completion and will be sent to MNDOT for approval. Following approval Chapter 429 process for Special Assessments will start, feasibility plan is estimated to be complete in February/March, followed by a public hearing, approval of plans with estimated start date of summer 2025.

City-Wide Road & Utility Improvement Project – Phase 1- Derek Benoy provided an update on the preliminary engineering of sections A, B, C. The topography survey is complete. Layout design will start January 2025 and submitted to boards for input. Once preliminary layout is approved the next steps will be the Chapter 429 process for Special Assessments, creation of feasibility plan, followed by a public hearing estimated to be held in April 2025, approval of plans in Fall of 2025 with estimated start date of May 2026.

NEW BUSINESS-

Multi Modal Trailhead Center Schematic Design Update- Commission reviewed the latest renderings for the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center which incorporate suggestions made by the Gitchi-Gami Bike Trail Association, Superior Hiking Trail, Silver Trail Riders ATV/Snowmobile, Lake County, Superior Byway, city staff, and residents at an initial meeting. Discussion regarding bump-outs to accommodate MN Power poles, staging areas, electric charging stations for vehicle/ATV's and who maintains, providing change machines inside for showers. Estimated cost of Trailhead Center is higher than the \$5.1 million budget, and the city will be lobbying for grants to cover inflation costs, asking for reduction in B3

requirements, asking MN Power to pay for playground, and using a CMAR to help lower costs. Carolyn Hudyma asked for clarification regarding the directional kiosk. Motion by Ketola, second Hoff to recommend to Council to move forward with final design. MOTION CARRIED.

2025 Meeting Dates- Motion by Hoff, second Ketola to set Public Works regular meeting dates as January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 8, November 5, and December 3. MOTION CARRIED.

Dustin Goutermont Board Application- Motion by Hoff, second Ketola to refer Goutermont board application to council for approval beginning January 1, 2025. MOTION CARRIED.

City Hall Parking Lot- The Library construction project is complete and the city hall parking lot is part of the city-wide street phase 1 project but could be replaced now versus waiting for phase 1 to begin. Joe Rhein presented plans for the parking lot, discussion regarding curbing, catch basins, expanding parking lots in the police department and city hall area, removal of sidewalk on Davis Dr below police department, parking stall sizes, fire and rescue hall area, and building foundation located below current parking lot. The estimated cost of new parking lot is \$540,000 which includes storm sewer utility. Carolyn Hudyma expressed that elderly people have difficulty walking on sloped sidewalk up to City Hall and suggested installing a railing on one side of sidewalks. Discussion followed on cost of railing at approximately \$200/foot and alternate railing ideas. Consensus was for Bolton & Menk to relook at options for existing parking lot to help lower costs.

Motion by Hoff, second Ketola to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson