

Public Works Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2013

Meeting called to order 10:03 A.M. By Gonzalez.

In attendance was Chair Gonzalez, Stacy Szukala, and via phone Mike Michalski. Also in attendance was Tony Gugino, Chief Ortolano, Al Zurowski, Ron Szot.

Gonzalez asked about pot holes. Gugino replied we are out currently with cold patch. Residents are urged to call with exact locations and they will be filled as time permits.

Salt status was also given. We are currently under budget for salt.

Chief Ortolano updated us on Radio upgrades mandated by Federal govt.. We have been able to perform mandated upgrades on time and at a much less price tag from a few years ago. It is hard wired radio and narrow band. We bought just what we needed for basic communication. Tony Gugino recalled a big push for this upgrade years ago. Chief will update us on progress with possible funding from county. There is a meeting next week to discuss the grant county received for this.

Gonzalez asked about progress on Town Patrol. He hears all positives on this.

Al Zurowski was asked about a schedule for house demos. There are a few house slated, but the federal sequestered is going to result in less \$\$\$. one large house with asbestos or two without will be possible.

Szukala asked about the house on Maple Avenue where car hit the front. Zurowski replied he is trying to sell it, and no progress has been made. Szukala feels more pressure needs to be placed on owner. The Garden Gate building on Eagle street was also a concern brought up by Szukala. She states according to code, the wood covering windows must be painted to match the exterior of building. Zurowski replied he knew what the codes state.

Gonzalez asked about eaves on houses. Zurowski stated they should not point towards neighbors house, or directly into city drains. The house is located on Deer Street. Gonzalez states eaves are there, but pieces are missing.

Szukala asked about a house in first ward, where a housing condition concern was brought forth. Adult protective services have been notified. No update was given.

Under New business

Michalski asked Tony Gugino when we can expect city to go to bid for paving. It looks like we will have to wait for mayor to find out if \$\$ will be reduced or held back due to issues with congress. CDBG \$\$ will be affected, so we will know more in a month or so. Michalski also asked about bike path phase 2. This will be on time for completion.

Szukala asked about the seawall. Army Corp. was notified, according to Gugino. Grant funding was being worked on by mayor. Bike path and playground are linked to this seawall. Senator Young secured a grant for \$250,000. Numbers are being looked at and funds 1,2,3 are being discussed for payment. Mark Woods would be able to get an answer from Alessi for sure.

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work will be discussed. House on Elm street was discussed. Al is asking County to get involved.

Wendy's hours in Al's office was questioned. Kiyak stated that council was led to believe more hours were being added to assist Al with work in zoning dept. Al clarified that no extra hours were being allowed.

Szukala asked if CDBG funds were allowed to pay Wendy's salary. Mayor Dolce entered room and replied it was currently being discussed with Roger in personnel. The garbage and litter in the plaza on Fifth Street was discussed. Many calls from concerned people are coming to Szukala and Zoning office. Every time theres a new issue, a letter is sent. This is all that is being done. Some calls are becoming nasty, and calls are now not being returned. Szukala asked if court is possible, and a letter is being sent almost every two weeks.

Ortolano advised that council should let residents know if they are unhappy with results, to call the mayor.

Chief Ortolano was questioned on OT. Two years ago the OT was approx. \$240,000. It is now at about \$170,000. He works everyday to watch the OT. There are many uncontrollable expenses for dept. Court hearings, vacations, sickness, injury and training.

Kiyak asked if fines are paid, do we get a portion? Over the last several years city gets less and less of that fine.

The gun buy back program was brought up for Chief Ortolano. It will be brought up for next public safety meeting.

Kiyak asked about the window replacement for Police. There are two estimates. One is \$1600. Kiyak stated \$5000 was left over so we do have enough to replace it. A coating will still be put on for privacy purposes.

City hall being a security nightmare was brought up by Szukala. Taking a look at overall building improvements is on the list. The elevator being shared with Stearns building is also a concern. Cameras in ally are not working. Cameras should be looked at for 2014 project. Elevator gets locked at night.

Gonzalez asked if homeland security money is available. Chief answered no. Camera prices will be looked at by Chief and Tony. We will be updated in future.

Gonzalez asked about Neighborhood watch signs. Signs will be up soon.

Kiyak asked about sign maker. Tony stated lunch room is being used as a sign shop. Software will be loaded soon and signs will be soon to follow. We have enough signage for use with new stickers. There are lists with streets that need help.

Senior sweep program was brought up under new business by Szukala. Funds are hard to come up with. The 21st century grant will have \$\$ to use. Tshirts and gloves are covered. For the first time theres a \$100 admin. Cost added. Szukala offered to other members. Szukala was given ok by council to do program again. This may be last year for the grant.

Minutes approved. Motion for approval by Szukala, second by Michalski

Meeting adjourned 10:55 A.M.