

CITY OF ELKHORN
Municipal Services and Utilities Committee
First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

May 9, 2011

The Municipal Services and Utilities Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Alderman Payson, followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Aldermen Anderson and Payson

Absent: Alderman Dunwiddie

Also present: City Administrator Sam Tapson, DPW Director Terry Weter, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Simons, Phil Jones, City Clerk Darlene Igl.

UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Administrator Tapson stated that a request for consideration of a utility bill adjustment for a rental property located at 119 N. Washington owned by Phil Jones had been received. Consumption for the months of February and March of 2011 averaged more than 7,500 cu. feet. DPW Director Weter stated that the meter has been replaced twice in the last twelve months. There was no evidence of a leak identified. Based on testing it appeared that the meter was accurately measuring consumption. After discussion, motion (Payson/Anderson) to refer this issue to the Common Council.

N. WASHINGTON RECONSTRUCTION

Bid Tabulation

City Engineer Welsh presented the bid tabulation for the project. He stated that the base bid was for concrete pavement. Motion (Anderson/Payson) to recommend to Council that the bid be awarded to Mann Brothers as the low base bid in the amount of \$1,061,860.51. Motion carried.

Replacement of Sewer Laterals

It was stated that the reconstruction project includes replacement of laterals from the main to the private laterals. It was stated that the private laterals will be televised when opened up to determine condition and whether replacement is necessary. It was discussed that the private laterals could be slip lined to avoid lawn disturbance, however, this would be more costly. Motion (Payson/Anderson) to recommend to Council that open cut replacements of private laterals be performed when replacement is deemed necessary. Motion carried.

Tree Removal

Parks & Recreation Director Simons stated that Arbor Images had conducted an evaluation of trees in the reconstruction area. It was noted in the report that 18 trees were found to be in poor condition and 4 trees were causing problems such as heaving sidewalks and/or curbs. In addition, 7 trees in the area are ash trees which may become infested with Emerald Ash Borer in the future. It was discussed that treatment for Emerald Ash Borer is expensive and would need to be conducted annually. The treatment would prolong the life of the tree but is not a preventative measure nor would it save the tree. Motion (Anderson/Payson) to recommend to Council that the 29 trees identified be removed. Motion (Payson/Anderson) to amend to state that the 29 trees be removed to ensure public safety. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (DeHaan/Norton) to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Darlene Igl
City Clerk