PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
OCTOBER 10, 2022

Chairperson Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:32PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the Dells Events, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Chairperson Terry Marshall, Mayor Ed Wojnicz and Ald. Brian Holzem
   Absent: Ald. Jesse DeFosse
   Others: Public Works Director Chris Tollaksen, City Atty. Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, Finance Director Karen Terry, Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Brown, Ald. Ald. Ben Anderson, Mike Kaminski, Mike Dexter, Lori McDonough, Matt Porter, Kristine Nelson, Amanda Roller, and Nicole Kantner

2. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz approve the minutes from August 8, 2022 and September 12, 2022 meetings. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz recommend to council approve the requests from property owners at 501 and 531 Capital Street (Dexter and McDonough, respectively) to have Holiday Lighting over the public sidewalk from October 15, 2022 to January 9, 2023. This motion also allows the Director of Public Works to administratively approve annual renewals and new requests for Holiday Lighting over the public sidewalk without having to come before this committee as long as the City requirements were met. Some of these requirements include property owner insurance coverage where the City is held harmless, have no outstanding debt owed to the City, and whereas approvals are non-transferrable in the event of change in property ownership. If issues arise, then it may be necessary to come before this committee. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz recommend to council approve installing sidewalk as part of the WisDOT 2024 project from the Lower Dells intersection to Pioneer on the East side. This project would be funded with 2024 PRT funding. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to increase the Commercial Recycling fee by 50% this year, then examine increasing fees next year for both residential and commercial. Motion carried.

6. Dir. of Public Works Chris Tollaksen presented the committee with updated Vehicle and Equipment replacement information. Recently there was a sizable invoice for end loader maintenance, which is what prompted updating future budgeting. His plan includes:
   1) The replacement budget is based on lifecycles of 20yrs for plow trucks (on order for 2024), 10yrs for a garbage truck or sweeper (on order and expecting to arrive next year), and 15yrs for an end loader (would like to order for 2025). Chris is projecting that these items should fall within the budget, but by 2026, with aging garbage trucks, it may become an issue.
   2) The outlay budget for Public Works that was presented at last month's meeting is able to meet about 68% of that schedule. Increased recycling fees will help meet the need to meet the budget, but looking into the future, Chris said the squeeze could come around 2030. Without knowing the future, the 2% increases may not meet the replacement needs.

   This item was information only.

7. Discussion/Decision on Public Works Projects:
   a) 2022-Most projects are mostly done. These projects include Elm Street, Race Street and Fitzgerald Road.

b) Looking at River Road as being the main project for 2023. MSA hopes to add accommodations for pedestrians. One thing proposed is some rock excavation to cut back rocks tight against the road, hoping to get an answer from the DNR within the next few weeks.

This item was information only.

8. The proposed next meeting date and time is Monday, November 14, 2022.

9. Referrals to a future meeting included the Wisconsin Dells Parkway Project 10' path in front of the Original Wisconsin Ducks, on the Mt. Olympus side to encourage bike traffic to travel on the west side of Hwy 12 at that location. WisDOT is asking the City to create an ordinance requiring bicyclists going Eastbound on Hwy 12 to cross from the East side to the West side of the road at the Hwy A/Hwy 12 stoplights with signage stating the same. The State wants to eliminate bicycle traffic on the Original Ducks side for safety.

10. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Monica Dorow-Leis
Public Works Office Clerk