

**CITY OF NORWICH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

August 22, 2023

TO: City Clerk
FROM: Director of Public Works
FILE #: PWD 193-23
**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COMMITTEE**

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee was held on Monday August 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m at 50 Clinton Ave. Attendance was as follows:

Committee Members

Alderman Stacy Gould
Alderman Swarnjit Singh
Alderman Grant Neuendorf

Administration

Patrick McLaughlin, Director
Brian Long, City Engineer
Kendra Cook-Eggert, Recording Secretary

Other

Sheila Hayes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 17, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved. (Motion: Singh, Second: Neuendorf)

3. CITIZEN COMMENT

Joanne Philbrick of Elm Ave was in attendance to bring up her concern for the lack of response from the City in regards to her previous complaints about multiple issues with traffic safety on Elm Ave by the Norwichtown Green.

Ms. Philbrick also inquired about the plans for decorating the tree on the Norwichtown Green for Christmas, as well as expressing interest in the plans for the stop sign at Hansen Rd.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Projects Updates

- Sherman Street Bridge – Project is on schedule for completion in August 2024. The western abutment wall for the second bridge will be poured this week.
- Uncas Leap Heritage Park – Project started August 1st.
- Annual Paving Contract – Margerie St, Sylvester St & Cooper St area will be next.

- Armstrong Tennis Courts Parking Lot – Low Bidder was Roma Construction. Award of Bid is pending the re-allocation of funds.
- Pickle Ball Courts– Project is completed. Courts are open.
- Lake St Basketball Courts & Lighting – Courts will be re-painted.
- Master Park Plan – A meeting will be held this week to go over collected data, and initial findings.
- Lower Broadway Curb Extension – Bid awarded to Pontes Construction.
- Floating Docks at Howard Brown Park – Bid awarded to Terry Construction with work starting the second week of September.
- Browning Road Water Main Project – Bid awarded to Weise Construction.
- YMCA – Bids are due at the end of this month.
- Chip Sealing – 4 miles of chip sealing on town roads has been completed.

B. Property Disposition

Alderman Singh made a motion for a resolution to list 352 Boswell Ave & 24-26 Railroad Ave with the City Real Estate Agent (Second: Neuendorf). Motion was unanimously passed.

Alderman Singh made a motion for resolution for 537 Canterbury Tpke, 115 Central Ave, 82 Old Division St and 97 School St to go to the Tax Collector's office to auction or sell at their discretion (Second: Neuendorf). Motion was unanimously passed.

Elijah St – Alderwoman Gould will follow up with City Manager.

C. Greeneville Park Mural

Alderman Neuendorf asked Sheila Hayes if the mural would extend onto the court from the wall. Sheila stated that the mural would be contained to the wall and not go onto the court. Alderman Singh made a motion to send a favorable recommendation to move forward with the painting of the mural (Second: Neuendorf). Motion was passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stop Sign at Hansen Rd

Request was made by the Police Department to place a stop sign on Hansen St making it a 3-way stop. A stop bar and blinking stop sign will be placed.

B. Holiday tree donation

A tree was offered by Jack Platt for donation to City Hall. Public Works to go out and look at the tree.

C. 2024 Public Works & Capital Improvements Committee meeting schedule

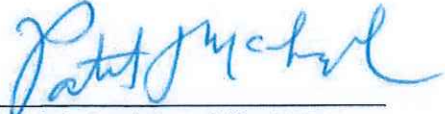
Alderman Neuendorf made a motion to accept the 2024 meeting schedule (Second: Singh). Motion was unanimously passed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Public Works Com. has been tasked with performing an evaluation as to the demand for and feasibility of building an Aquatic Center. This will involve establishing a cost estimate for the construction as well as maintenance costs. It was stated that a consultant with expertise in the subject matter would be needed to give accurate cost estimates, and operating expenses. Staff will begin with looking at what other communities have done with regards to Aquatic Centers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. by unanimous vote. (Motion: Neuendorf, Second: Singh)



Patrick J. McLaughlin, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Committee Members:

Alderwoman Stacy Gould (Chair), Alderman Swarnjit Singh, Alderman Grant Neuendorf, Mayor and Members of the City Council, City Manager, City Planner