

CITY OF BAYFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
August 15, 2014

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9 a.m. at Fire Hall. Present: Don Albrecht, Mel Whiteside, Gene Brevold, Vincent Kelly and Jim Bryan; City employees Tom Kovachevich and Nick Wszalek; David Eades. M/Kelly S/Brevold to approve agenda. Approved. Minutes from July 21, 2014, meeting approved on a motion by Kelly S/Whiteside. No public input was offered on the agenda.

1. Old Business

a. *2014 Water Main replacement, South Sixth St* -- the project starts the day after Labor Day and final completion is set for September 19.

b. *2015 Water Main Project* -- The \$975,000 project is 70% funded and includes 9-10 bocks located on Catholic Hill on Sweeny, Rice, Highway 13, Third and Washington Avenue. One more project after 2015 would complete the City's efforts to replace the undersized and outdated water main that are 90- to 100-years old.

c. *Historic Street Project* -- Before the project can be bid in October, a signature is needed at the federal level before being tuned back to the state for final approval. Deadline is October 4.

2. Public Works Director & Utility Operator Report

Staff are working to catch up on painting projects. Water meter replacements are 82% complete. Well pumps were recently checked and seemed in good shape. Well inspections (on a 10-year cycle) will need to be budget within the next 2-3 years because the cost to pull wellheads is about \$30,000.

3. GBWWTP Phragmites Funding FYI

Bryan shared information regarding the GBWWTP's interest in applying for funding to assist the process of finding a solution to the problem of invasive phragmites (reeds). The grant would fund research for the Bayfield, Red Cliff and Washburn plants and does not obligate the facility to a costly solution.

4. Sidewalk Obstructions and Encroachments

Several business downtown are encroaching onto sidewalks where a minimum clearance between light poles and buildings must be maintained for handicap accessibility. Either the ordinance governing this situation needs to be altered, or the City must enforce existing regulations under Section 349-9 (A, B and C) of the Bayfield Code. Brevold and Whiteside agreed to work with Eades on alternatives.

5. Sidewalk Assessment, 2015

A map of Sidewalk Special Assessments was reviewed.

6. 2015 Budget and CIPS

Increasing costs in drug testing to maintain CCL driver licenses, salt and sand for winter roads, worn out street sweeper brushes, tools and fuel contribute to a proposed increase in the public works budget proposed for 2015. Capitol Improvement proposals include funds for a new loader, ongoing ditch repair, a new dump truck, chip seal of First Street, Rittenhouse to Manypenny, and Manypenny Avenue from First to Third Streets, and an amount for sidewalk assessments.

M/Albrecht S/Kelly to request reinstatement in the Public Works budget of one full-time worker for the department. Motion carried.

M/Brevold S/Kelly to approve the Public Works budget proposal and the modified CIP request as discussed. Motion carried.

7. Set next meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting set for 9 a.m. Monday, September 8 at the Fire Hall.

Adjournment: M/Brevold S/Whiteside. Motion approved at 10:30 a.m.