

CITY OF BAYFIELD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
October 16, 2015

Meeting called to order by Bryan at 9 a.m. at Fire Hall. Present: Don Albrecht, Vincent Kelly, Jim Bryan; City employees Tom Kovachevich and Josh Pearson; visitors David Eades and Peter Skoro.

M/Kelly S/Albrecht to approve agenda. Approved. Minutes from September 4, 2015 meeting approved on a motion by Albrecht S/Kelly. No public input was offered on the agenda.

1. Old Business

- a. *2015 Water Main Extension* -- One final pay requests being reviewed for the Catholic Hill improvements. Project went \$32,000 over projected costs.
- b. *2016 Water Main Extension*-- The Swede Hill project for \$1.2 million is designed but with cash flow being what it is and the high costs of repairs during the severe winter of 2012-13, M/Albrecht S/ Kelly to not proceed at this time for the project in 2016. Motion carried.
- c. *Waterfront Walk* -- Meeting later today; Washington Ave. walkway work is underway.
- d. *PSC -- water rates for seasonal customers* -- nothing new.

2. Public Works Director & Utility Operator Reports

Crew is gearing up for winter; equipment is in good shape. Josh reports he is draining facilities in preparation for winter, completed another radio install and has several remaining.

3. Eckels and Skoro Request

Changes to a driveway area at Fifth and Manypenny at their home requires that a pine tree be removed that is on City property. Art Ode has offered his approval and others agree it should come down. M/Albrecht S/Kelly to grant permission to remove the tree on City property. Carried.

4. Library Sidewalk Bids

A bid of \$7300 to replace sidewalk along the north side (Washington Avenue) is within the CIP budget and requires approval by the Library Board.

5. August Utility Budget

It appears that the increase in water rates has not yet proven to match expenses and we need to watch closely utility funding. One suggestion was made to look at gallon usage in 2015 compared to the previous year.

6. 2016 Utility Budget

We are still wrestling with the pilot tax the utility has been unable to pay in the past few years. We should consider proposing to the City that the amount be capped in the future and that past amounts be forgiven. This requires further study.

7. Intent to Apply for 2017 Water Main Extension Funds

Since the Swede Hill project has been designed, we need to signal early if we want to apply for 2017 funding, and we may want to scale the project back from \$1.2 million to \$840,000. M/Albrecht S. Kelly to proceed with notice to apply for 2017 Water Main Extension funding. Carried.

8. Next Meeting: set for Thursday, November 5 at 9 am at the Fire Hall

Adjournment

M/Kelly S/Albrecht. Motion approved.