PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 5/11/23

Meeting called to order by Ted at 9:08 AM. Present: Mel, Ted, Mike, Liam, Nancy Pearson briefly City Employees: Kovachevich, Ringberg, Hoopman making comments from her office

Motion to approve agenda, passed

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, passed

1. Old Business
   1. Tumas - Vacate Alley
      1. Tom is in favor of vacating a few blocks of the alley between 12th st and 13th st to accommodate garage building, however is not supportive of vacating any portion of 12th St at this time. Mike is in agreement. We are looking to Bayfield in 100 years, those streets likely will need to be developed. Vacating the alley shouldn’t pose a problem, as access up to that point will still be available, and beyond that point is the ravine. Tumas would like a portion of 12 St vacated so that their garage can be closer, and so they can ajoin their properties that are across the easement (to make development easier), but they are OK with this plan as well. Idea of vacating 12 St will be left in the wind for a future discussion.

Motion by Mike: The city of Bayfield will vacate a portion of the alley that crosses lots 18, 19 and 20 on block 101, as well as lots 8, 9 and 10. We ask that legal fees associated with this endeavor be assumed by the applicant. Motion seconded by Ted, Motion passes with all in favor.

Motion by Mike: Not to approve the application for the city to vacate any portion of 12th St at this time. Motion seconded by Mel, Motion passes with all in favor.

* 1. Block 130 Lots 1-5 - Water Options (well)
     1. Owner would like to develop in these lots, but cost of connecting to city water system is prohibitive due to location and lack of water pressure. They have been calling to inquire if they could drill a well instead. Hard to say; it is not standard practice to allow wells to be drilled in a municipality

with public water utility. Theoretically it could be fine, but we don’t know how many wells is too many before there are affects on the water table, aquifer, or the city water system. Committee should be diligent in making this decision, as precedent could be set. Tom would like to see a legitimate building plan first in the case that well use would be granted. The well is also more appealing if they can provide water to adjacent lots from it, though that is tricky to work out how. Developer did a similar thing up on 10th and Rice. Even if it was granted, likely by conditional use permit, if city water was to expand to that area at a later date they would be required to abandon the well and hook to the utility. Pros and cons…discussion ensued. No decision at this time, matter is under review. Lots of considerations…cost of expanding city water, building boost station, getting engineering done…more research needs to be done.

1. Public Works Director
   1. 5th St Culvert
      1. Culvert is failing, options are to put a liner in or replace culvert. Prefer to just put a liner in, we don’t have to take out anything major.
   2. 4th St Sinking Curb
      1. Needs to be fixed, waiting for area to dry out more to do it. (photos included in meeting packet)
2. Utility Operator Report
3. Water tap coming next week for the St. James building, it will happen on May 16th.
4. We were the only local utility on the Chequamegon Bay this spring that did not have a sewage overflow into the lake! Nice!
5. Budget

Motion to place utility budget on file. Motion passes with all in favor.

1. New Business
   1. Farmers’ Market Street Use Application
      1. Yearly application, no reason to deny. Tom doesn’t love it in that location, but most everyone else does. It’s a busy street to shut down. Maybe in the future other locations could be discussed.

Motion to approve farmers market use permit on to council. Motion passes with all in favor.

* 1. Street Closure - Penny Print Studios & Honest Dogs Books
     1. They are going to put on a sweet community event for reading banned books days!

Motion to support application and move to council for approval. Motion passes with all in favor.

* 1. EV Charging Stations - Bill bailey
     1. We have an option to put EV charging stations in Bayfield, Tom thinks a good place is by the public bathrooms by East Park, just South of the transformer.

Motion to recommend the EV charging stations to council. Motion passes with all in favor.

1. Set Next Meeting

i. Tentative next meeting will be set for June 13th at 9am Meeting adjourned