

July 10, 2012

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

2:30 p.m.

Chairperson Jim Wilkie called the meeting to order. Members present: Jim Wilkie, Gary Ruff and David Earney.

Also present: Bob Fetting-Village of Nelson, Mayor Robert Scow, Foreman Debra Burce and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

Agenda item 1: Discuss possible co-purchase of radar speed sign. Bob Fetting-Village of Nelson presented a handout to the committee of the cost of a mobile radar speed sign. Fetting stated that they are looking into the purchase and/or making of a trailer for the sign so that it is mobile. The Village of Nelson is interested in co-sharing the cost of the sign.

Mayor Scow felt that the sign is a good idea and cost sharing is encouraged.

Motion by Ruff seconded by Earney to cost share a mobile radar speed sign with the Village of Nelson at an approximate cost of \$3,289. All members voting yes.

Fetting did inform the committee that the sign is AC and would need direct outlets to operate. Foreman Burce will check into where power is available.

Agenda Item 2: Update on street repairs for 2012. Foreman Deb Burce reported that the repairs are all done as of yesterday and Dunn Blacktop did a very nice job.

Agenda Item 3: Discuss Riverview Drive – one lane traffic.

Chairman Wilkie informed the committee that representatives from the WI DOT, Mayor Scow, Foreman Burce, Lisa Fleming-Ayres Associates and Clerk Torgerson met on Riverview Drive on July 3, 2012 to discuss the safety concern that exists.

Wilkie stated that the WI DOT has recommended concrete barriers to be installed instead of guard rails so that the bank is disrupted, disturbed as minutely as possible. In doing so properly, this will reduce the area down to one lane traffic.

Wilkie stated that stop signs will be installed on both ends of this section; however, Lisa from Ayres will be providing a detail of how this is to be done to allow sight distance and conformity to DOT regulations.

Earney expressed concerns of pedestrian traffic through the one lane area.

Mayor Scow expressed his concern of safety in this area of Riverview Drive where the bank is unstable and not properly protected with guardrails. Riverview Drive has narrowed due to the washouts from heavy rains.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to recommend to the Council pursuing repairs for Riverview Drive, proposed retaining wall, with the WI DOT and making Riverview Drive one lane in this section per Lisa Fleming's recommendations until repairs are done. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 4: Discuss application for in-street pedestrian crossing signs. Linda informed the committee that the WI DOT dropped off an application for the in-street pedestrian crossing signs after visiting the downtown area.

The committee approved Linda submitting the application so long as no parking stalls are lost because of applying for the signs.

Agenda Item 5: Sidewalk repair update. Foreman Burce informed the committee that Brad La Duke will beginning sidewalk work in approximately one week.

The committee requested Linda send out reminder letters to anyone holding a sidewalk encroachment license that 4 feet of sidewalk must be clear at all times or their license may be revoked and/or penalties given for violations.

Agenda Item 6: Sewer/Water concerns.

a. Punch list for DNR requirements. Deb Burce and Jim Wilkie will be producing a punch list of items.

b. Mayor Scow thanked the Deb and the city crew for their hard work in meeting the demands for the cross connection control inspections.

c. Portable generator. Jim Wilkie informed the committee that the portable generator is being fixed. Wilkie shared with the committee the repair that city crew, Joe Wick, did to the generator during the power outage.

d. Any other. Deb Burce informed the committee that the reservoir is not in as bad shape as originally expected and that a company out of Winona should be able to do the repairs.

Deb informed the committee that a bad sample was taken from Well 2 and it is temporarily down until a safe sample can be obtained. Burce expects that a safe sample will be forthcoming.

Agenda Item 7: Discuss Town of Nelson's shared services for Badland Road. Deb Burce informed the committee that an agreement was made between the City of Alma and Town of Nelson five years ago for the City of Alma to do the snow plowing of Badland Road for the first five years and the Town of Nelson would do the roadside mowing and then the next five years the Town of Nelson would do the entire snow plowing of Badland Road and the City would do the roadside mowing. Wilkie inquired if anyone had spoken with representatives from the Town of Nelson. The committee

concurred that Jim Wilkie should get in contact with the Town of Nelson to discuss this matter. Wilkie will be attending the next Town of Nelson's meeting.

8. Any other business. The topic of the need for the purchase of a riding lawn mower was brought up and deferred to the Council agenda for July 19, 2012.

Motion by Earney seconded by Ruff to adjourn. All members voting yes.