

Special Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 6:00 PM
Hall of Fame Room, 381 E Main St., Stoughton, WI 53589

Members Present: Alderpersons; Dave McKichan, Sonny Swangstu, Tim Carter, Mayor Ross Scovotti, Planning & Development Director Rodney Scheel and Street Superintendent Karl Manthe

Absent & Excused:

Guests:

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Carter at 6:00 PM

Carter began the meeting with an email from the Finance Director answering some questions he had asked which he felt would give the committee some direction to began the process of reviewing the draft budget.

2. **Review Draft 2010 Planning and Development Operational Budget:** *Scheel* stated that the City's revenues were on target thru July. Utility costs for all city buildings were of a concern and it was stressed to do all we could to control these costs.

Motion by McKichan, seconded by Scovotti to refer the Planning and Development 2010 Operational Budget to the Finance Committee as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

3. **Review Draft 2010 Street and Parks Department Operational Budget:** *McKichan* voiced his concern over the Council not being involved in the decision to cut hours on the Limited Term and summer employees and how it changed the expected level of service. *Manthe* stated that this was a directive from the Mayor. *Manthe* was asked to reevaluate the actual hours lost and how that would equate to an actual number of employees cut so the committee could make a better presentation at the Finance Committee.

Once again Utilities were of a great concern and it was stressed to look at all possibilities to reduce consumption.

For the area of Tree Planting, Removal and Consulting, *Carter* stated to the members that we need to start planning for the Emerald Ash Borer which will substantially affect our future budget when it arrives. Since a part time Forester was hired earlier this year, the committee felt there wasn't as much need for the tree consultant. The committee requested that the consultant's hours which are currently at 532 be reduced by one third (177) which would put the hours for 2010 at 355.

Regarding the Parks budget, the cost of the computer was questioned and will be checked into. *McKichan* questioned the Goose Control fund and whether it is effective for the cost we pay.

Motion by McKichan, seconded by Scovotti to refer the Street and Parks 2010 Operational Budget to the Finance Committee with the recommend suggestions and adjustments. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Scovotti seconded by McKichan to adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl, staff member - 8/21/09