

MAY 25, 2016 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4:15 p.m. Council Chamber. Members present: A. Hraban, M. Hraban, B. Morgan. Others present: A. Christianson, K. Gorsegrner, A. Kenyon, D. Parker, M. Reynolds.

Call to Order:

Committee Chair M. Hraban called the meeting to order.

Tour:

Plans to tour the office/dwelling at the former "Ranger Station" were deferred due to rain.

E. 4th St. S.:

It was reported that a new home being considered along platted but undeveloped E. 4th St. S. may have been shelved owing to the cost of getting water to the site. Staff will try to get quotes for both the water main install and for extending that street south 300' from Phillips Ave., which would provide access to three lots on the east side. The DPW will contact the party who had been planning the new house for a copy of the water install estimate, which was apparently provided to him by a local contractor.

Flag Light:

A quote has not yet been received to light the flagpole at the ranger station. Two options mentioned were as follows:

*Add a spotlight on the nearby DNR fire danger sign.

*Use a solar powered light.

Mural Light:

J L Electric will proceed soon with lighting a portion of the first military mural on a test basis. If that works out, the entire mural will be lit. A revised quote from JL Electric has put the price some \$4-500 less than that firm's earlier quote.

Mural Site:

It was noted that, if a new mural location is needed, the Grotzingers are fine with the City removing and disposing of the former 211 sign on the east side of the parking lot west of the Post Office to make way for a mural.

Rail Display Updates:

Mr. Morgan is awaiting contact from the painter on the timeline for work on Old Smoky.

City-Owned Property Review:

Those present reviewed a list of City owned properties, most of which are owned for a reason. A handful were nevertheless identified that might be able to be sold.

Finish Line:

The City has for sale signs available to staple to the fence erected in front of the former Finish Line tavern site. The City has at least \$20,000 into it. It was noted, however, that the tax roll value is nearer \$10,000 and that might be more realistic asking price.

Rail Yard:

Mr. Morgan reported that he and Adm. Christianson talked with the Verso Paper's rail yard operator earlier in the day. If the City can provide one or two five yard loads of gravel off the east end of Clark

Ave. Verso will have Olynicks level that out and also have Olynicks scrape organic material off the exit road to the south to Pederson Ave. soon and, presumably, on a continuous basis thereafter in order to keep access across both Pederson and W. 6th St. to Hwy.8. The yard operator anticipates having an end loader stationed here starting in about 3 weeks to facilitate this needed upkeep.

Corbett Lake Area Brushing:

Adm. Christianson advised J. Carow that the City went on record committing itself to maintaining brushing that WRA does around Corbett Lake. Mr. Carow stopped in earlier in the day and indicated that crew time is planned out for several weeks such that the best they can do for this summer is more clearing around the new outfall structure, or dam.

Underground Electrical Signs:

Those present reviewed information sheets and pricing for buried electrical signage intended to alert park users who might be planning to pound in stakes to hold up awnings or canopies to its presence. Motion was made by A. Hraban, seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote to recommend Council approval to order 25 of these.

Shady Lane:

Attention was called to the condition of a portion of Shady Lane, where pavement blew out last fall. The Town of Flambeau is interested in a joint effort to repair this section, part of which is in Town jurisdiction and part of which is in City jurisdiction. Some three of eight houses along this portion of Shady Lane are believed to be within the City limits.

Bridge Project:

DPW Gorsegner advised that he received clarification yesterday that two traffic lanes will be kept open through most of the U.S. 8 bridge project this summer. There may be a few hours here and there when it is reduced to a single lane. The project will be broken into four or five phase and be closed down over the 4th of July weekend and over the Mardi Gras weekend.

There continues to be interest in painting both the bridge railing and lamp posts black. WisDOT was willing to add that into the project if the City had agreed to cover the estimated \$125,000 cost. An option may be to seek a quote from local painter Glen Hetchler to paint it. He would need to use plywood sheets or some other means to prevent paint from dripping into the river.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by A. Hraban, which was seconded by Morgan and carried by voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.