

City of Waterloo  
Street Committee  
November 6, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Present: Aldermen, Jim Hopkins, Stan Darter, Steve Notheisen, Jim Trantham, Russ Row, Russ Thomas, Kyle Buettner, Clyde Heller, Public Works Director Tim Birk, Financial Director Shawn Kennedy, Mayor Tom Smith, and City Attorney Dan Hayes.

1. PETITIONS BY CITIZENS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-

None

2. 2017-18 SALT PURCHASE

Tim requested to buy 400 tons of salt for \$49.44 ton. He advised that there is several thousand tons of salt stored at the Valmeyer caves and they will shortly be hauling some to the new salt storage shed off Third Street. We will continue to hold over a thousand tons of salt in storage in the caves. Tim advised us that every salting event uses 100 tons of salt on city streets. The committee agreed to authorize Tim to purchase the 400 tons of salt.

3. 2018 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Areas to be overlaid for 2018 will be the South Vandebrook area and West Lake area. Tim hopes to start the overlay in June.

4. FUTURE EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Tim Birk advised the street department is in need of a light grader/loader. He presented information on a Maulden M413XT Gold Key Motor Grader with loader for \$152,305.00 from CMW Equipment in St. Louis, Mo. After discussion the committee requested Tim hold off ordering the grader until January 2018 with an anticipated delivery approximately three months later.

Motion made by Russ Row and seconded by Clyde Heller to purchase the grader as presented in the literature. Motion passed unanimously.

5. RIGHT TURN AT HAMACHER & MARKET ONLY

After discussing the need to change the NO LEFT TURN to RIGHT TURN ONLY due to traffic backing up on Hamacher. Motion made by Jim Trantham and seconded by Kyle Buettner to refer it to the Ordinance Committee, and request Ord. #1031 24.3.6 from 1996 be amended to reflect this change. Motion passed unanimously.

6. SEALING PREVIOUSLY PAVED STREETS

There was discussion of whether the city seals asphalt streets and Tim explained that the uptown area was sealed a couple of years ago in an experiment to see how well the sealing of asphalt streets works.

7. DOWNTOWN HANDICAP PARKING

In response to a written request from a subject for a wheel chair accessible parking spot at 219 W. Mill Street the mayor recommended having a study done of the entire downtown area. This study would be done by the city's engineering firm and Tim Birk stated he would do a Task Order to obtain the cost of the study. It was noted that this study could take up to a year in length. Tim will respond to the requester in writing that this is being looked at. Motion made by Clyde Heller and seconded by Russ Row to direct Tim Birk to do a Task Order to obtain the cost of a study on the entire downtown area & to respond to the request of a handicap parking on W. Mill St. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PERSONNEL

Tim Birk advised the committee that he has a verbal notice of one retirement from the street department in January 2018 and suspects another in early spring of 2018. He requested permission to start the process of acquiring applications to choose from for these future hires. Motion made by Russ Thomas and seconded by Clyde Heller to start the process of acquiring applications for future hiring. Motion passed unanimously.

9. COMMENTS –

A. Mayor Smith advised that the ODD FELLOWS have requested that Third Street between Market and Main Streets be marked with parallel parking spaces. He presented photos taken which showed vehicles parked at random in that area and hopefully more cars will be able to park in the area with the parking spots lined. All Street Committee members agreed and Tim Birk stated he will take care of it.

B. Mayor Smith questioned a stop sign in the Castle Green area and whether an ordinance was ever enacted for that sign. No one on the committee could remember such an ordinance and it will be researched further.

C. Mayor Smith stated that HH Road West of Moore Street is in need of smoothing the bumps that have risen from the surface. Tim Birk advised we do not have a grader at this time and he will continue to try to use one from the county.

- D. Jim Hopkins questioned the status of making Norma and Depyt Streets one way, opposite the current direction. Mayor Smith advised the request will have to come from school officials and then the city would poll the local residents. It was felt that reversing the one way direction would make the dropping off of children safer and allows Norma Ave. residents to park on the street on the house side.
  
- E. Steve Notheisen advised that he is seeing various trailers parked in different city locations that will be illegal when the new trailer parking ordinance goes into effect. The committee and mayor discussed different methods to inform the public about the new ordinance.

Motion made by Kyle Buettner and seconded by Clyde Heller to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Trantham, Chairman