

CITY OF WATERLOO PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: October 1, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. Chair Springer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present: Springer and Ziaja. Absent: Stinnett. Others attending: Mayor Thompson, Public Works Director Yerges, Maureen Giese and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: September 3, 2015. MOTION: Moved by Ziaja, seconded by Springer to table the September 3, 2015 minutes until such time as they are completed. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT. Maureen Giese inquired about the zoning of the property being developed, the harvesting of the rye/wheat/clover by a private individual and why it wasn't being cut more often. Yerges informed her that the first two lots were zoned residential and the rest were zoned agricultural. Springer and Yerges informed her that the property was being harvested at no cost to the city, that it alleviated the Public Works Department from mowing it, leaving it lay on the ground and that it was being harvested in a timely manner according to farmer's schedules. Giese stated that being in a residential area we shouldn't have to cater to a separate contractor doing the work. She stated she has allergies and with the new development going in it probably won't be going away. She stated that she pays taxes, and pays your salary, and that she wouldn't put up with it. Giese was disappointed that a private contractor was reaping off the harvest. Hansen explained the situation of the property being divided into two ten acre sections, that they were not requesting any zoning change from agricultural and it is their intent to leave it agricultural. It was explained to her that the empty lots were not owned by the city so the Public Works Department should not be responsible for the upkeep of those lots. Springer explained that it was more cost effective for Lyle to mow the lots, harvest the crops rather than taking the Public Works employees away from other jobs that can be done in the city.
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. 333 Portland Road, Review Of Property Conditions & City Attorney Communication. A lengthy outline of emails is included for review at the request of Mayor Thompson regarding the property which outlines a process of condemnation for the property. Thompson mentioned that condemnation is a last resort and there was a proposal presented to the Gauthier estate to which they rejected. The next step is condemnation of the property. The city attorney has been included in the process and the city is waiting for a response from the Gauthier estate. The property is in TIF #3 to which the costs would be born in that TIF District.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Bid Review And Bid Recommendation To City Council – Public Works Department Cold Storage Space Addition, 211 Hendricks St (Bid Submittal Deadline: 10/1/2015 4:00 pm). MOTION: Moved by Ziaja, seconded by Springer to recommend to the Council to accept the bid from BOS Design Builders in the amount of \$47,431.00. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
6. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Ziaja, seconded by Springer to adjourn. The time was approximately 7:00 pm.

Attest:



Mo Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer