

**CITY OF WATERLOO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
August 2, 2012**

1. **Roll Call And Call To Order.** Alderperson Abell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present – Ziaja, Springer and Abell. Absent – none. Others present – Mayor Thompson, Public Works Director Yerges, Mitch Leisses of Kunkel Engineering and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **Approval Of Meeting Minutes: July 5, 2012. Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Ziaja to approve the July 5, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
3. **Citizen Input.** None.
4. **Communications And Miscellaneous Business**
  - a. **Community Development Block Grant EAP Project – Project Update. Discussion:** Hansen briefed the committee on the project saying no decision by the state had been made on the City's additional funding request. Hansen said the petroleum leaks identified during the demolition at 720 West Madison Street had been declared eligible for PECFA funding by the state. No action taken.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **2013-2017 Street & Utility Plan – Review Of Options. Discussion:** Yerges noted that the packet contained multiple estimates street and utility work. The estimates ranged from streets with PASER ratings of 8,9 or 10 (street reconstruction) to streets in the five or six range which could be chip sealed or ground and repaved. Hansen said increasing the annual budget for street maintenance may be one consideration. Yerges said the 2012 General Fund street maintenance budget was \$18,000 (not including street reconstruction projects). Leisses added that communities of Waterloo's size in the area have annual maintenance budgets for streets of \$100,000 or more. Springer said he would like to set aside funds to pay for street projects. Leisses said low bid amounts from contractors were common due to economic conditions. Leisses said interest rates were at historic lows so it may be advantageous to borrow and do multiple projects in one year. In reply to a Thompson question, Yerges and Leisses said, on average, chip sealing adds seven to ten years of life and a two-inch mill overlay would add twelve years of life to road. Yerges said reconstruction was targeted for streets in the worst condition (rating score 8, 9 or 10). Yerges asked for direction from the Committee. The Mayor suggested that Gary Yerges submit all the requests and let the Finance Committee arrive at a decision. No action taken.
6. **Future Agenda Items And Announcements.** None.
7. **Adjourn. Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Ziaja to adjourn. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried. The approximate time was 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Morton Hansen  
Clerk\Treasurer