

**CITY OF WATERLOO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 16, 2014**

1. **Roll Call And Call To Order.** Alderperson Springer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present – Springer and Stinnett. Absent – Ziaja. Others present – Public Works Director Gary Yerges and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **Approval Of Previously Unapproved Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2013, and Canceled Meetings: November 7, 2013, December 5, 2013 and January 2, 2014.** **Motion:** Moved by Springer, seconded by Stinnett to approve all but the October 3, 2013 meeting minutes. **Voice vote:** Motion carried.
3. **Citizen Input.** None.
4. **Project Status Report**
 - a. **2013/2014 Defective Sidewalks/Update. Discussion:** Hansen said a project schedule was forthcoming. Yerges estimated that 45 trees would be removed. No action taken.
 - b. **Emerald Ash Borer. Discussion:** Yerges reported on meetings with Olivia Perry of the DNR and with McKay Nursery staff. He advocated for a general strategy of taking the trees down when they die. No action taken.
 - c. **Reconstruction Of Railroad Avenue And Associated Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Discussion:** Hansen said engineering design work was taking place. An engineer summary was expected in February. No action taken.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Further Follow-up On Repaving Edison Street. Discussion:** Yerges had no further comment. No action taken.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Larry Debbert Monument Inquiry – City Cemetery On Washington Street. Discussion:** Springer and Thompson said the City was not responsible for maintaining the monuments and directed that a communication go back to Mr. Debbert stating such.
 - b. **Ordinance Review**
 - i. **Public Right-Of-Way And Planting Of Trees. Discussion:** Yerges brief the committee on changes he would propose including not planting trees in tree lawns less than six feet in width and supplying a tree for planting on private property to property owners who have a tree lawn tree taken out which is not replaced due to space constraints. Yerges said he would assemble recommendations.
 - ii. **Care Of Sidewalks. Discussion:** Yerges explained the process in place and the need to strengthen policies to ensure that sidewalks are free of snow or ice. Springer suggested hiring part-time employees to do sidewalk snow removal. **Motion:** Moved by Stinnett, seconded by Springer to have the Public Works Director assemble recommended changes to the ordinances. **Voice vote:** Motion carried.
7. **Future Agenda Items And Announcements.** None.
8. **Adjournment. Motion:** Moved by Stinnett, seconded by Springer to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The time was approximately 6:00 p.m.

Attest:

Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer