

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: February 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Maryanne Groat, Nathan Miller

Also Present: Allen Wesolowski, TJ Niksich

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 Street Construction Projects

North 3rd Avenue from Randolph Street to Bos Creek Drive

South 5th Avenue from West Street to Garfield Avenue

Rosecrans Street from 17th Avenue to 22nd Avenue

Lindman explained the purpose of the meeting is to take comments from property owners regarding special assessments. The comments received are forwarded to the Capital Improvements and Street Maintenance Committee (CISM) which will meet February 11, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. CISM will approve, disapprove or modify the plans or assessments for the project and forward a recommendation to the Common Council. It is anticipated the Common Council will take action at the February 23, 2021 meeting. There were no objections to dispense with the reading of the official hearing notice.

Lindman indicated the 2021 assessment rate is set at \$42 per foot. The sewer lateral is \$500 if replaced. Drive approach replacement is estimated at \$6.00 per square foot. Replacement of defective sidewalk is estimated at \$8.00 per lineal foot and installation of new sidewalk is estimated at \$16.00 per lineal foot.

Wesolowski stated the projects are in the design phase. If approved, the schedule would be to advertise in March with bid openings in April. The contract would be selected based upon the low bid. These are complete reconstruction projects with the exception of sidewalk. If sidewalk is in good condition, it may or may not be replaced depending upon the circumstance. Some streets include new water and new sewer, storm sewer and sewer and water laterals.

Several factors go into tree removal. Staff works with the City Forester to try to save as many trees as possible. Certain species, such as ash, will be removed. The City Forester also looks at the condition of the tree. Stressed trees or trees that have outgrown the boulevard will be removed. A lot of times trees have grown over a lateral. If a lateral is under a tree, the lateral cannot be replaced without removing the tree.

Residents should be allowed to park in front of their property at night. Access into driveways may be limited at times.

Construction schedules are not currently set. Staff is working with the school district to figure out the best timing for 3rd Avenue. Flexibility is allowed if there is not an urgent reason to get the project done early in the construction season. This allows for better pricing. A window is set for each project where the contractor is allowed a set number of days to complete the project.

A construction letter will be sent out before the project starts. The letter will have contact information for staff. Staff from the Engineering Department will be available after the public hearing if there are specific questions about individual properties or the work to be done under the project.

At this time, Lindman opened the public hearing and asked for persons in attendance who wished to speak regarding special assessments to come to the podium and give their name, address and comments.

North 3rd Avenue from Randolph Street to Bos Creek Drive, South 5th Avenue from West Street to Garfield Avenue, Rosecrans Street from 17th Avenue to 22nd Avenue

Cheryl Allen, 1511 North 3rd Avenue, questioned the width of the road for 3rd Avenue and noted the road is currently concrete. Niksich indicated the concrete will be removed and replaced with asphalt. The road will be narrowed. Currently it is approximately 42' wide and will be 37' at the back of the curb. Allen indicated there is a lot of ambulance traffic on 3rd Avenue. She asked if 37' would be wide enough for emergency vehicles to safely get through in the winter. Niksich said the new width should be sufficient; it is the widest roadway width allowed per ordinance in residential areas. Most city streets are 33' to the back of curb.

No one further came forward for comment and the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 Alley Paving Project

Alley bounded by Cedar Street, Spruce Street, North 9th Avenue and North 10th Avenue

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Lindman indicated the 2021 assessment rate is estimated at \$15 per foot.

Wesolowski explained this project includes removal of existing material and then placement of gravel and asphalt. There are water concerns in this alley. Storm sewer will be extended to catch water. Asphalt curb will be placed on one side of the alley to help drain water down the alley and keep out of people's yards. The assessment covers the cost of the asphalt. Removals and placement of the base course is covered by the general budget. Storm sewer will not be assessed.

Lindman stated staff from the Engineering Department will be available after the public hearing if there are specific questions about individual properties or the work to be done under the project.

At this time, Lindman opened the public hearing and asked for persons in attendance who wished to speak regarding special assessments to come to the podium and give their name, address and comments.

Alley bounded by Cedar Street, Spruce Street, North 9th Avenue and North 10th Avenue

No one came forward for comment and the public hearing was closed.

Groat moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Miller. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.