

Public Works and Buildings Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2019
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Ralph Torr, Chairman
Councilor Ray Varney- Vice Chairman
Councilor Sandy Keans
Councilor David Walker
Councilor Geoffrey Hamann

OTHERS PRESENT

Blaine M. Cox, City Manager
Peter C. Nourse PE, Director of City Service
Daniel Camara, GIS / Asset Management

MINUTES

Chairman Torr called the Public Works and Buildings Committee to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Approve minutes from the June 20, 2019 Public Works & Building Meeting.

Chairman Torr requested comments or a recommendation on last month's meeting.

Councilor Walker made a motion to accept minutes as presented for June 20, 2019

Public Works & Building Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hamann. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Input - None

3. Project Updates

Granite State Business Park Water Line Extension Project – Mr. Nourse stated that the bids will close in one week. This project is expected to start work in September and be completed prior to the end of the year. He stated that there is a business looking to start up in this industrial park and the project should be completed on time to meet the needs of that business.

New DPW Facility – Mr. Nourse stated the facility is at 66% design and he will be having the engineers in August to give the Committee an update on the buildings design. Mr. Nourse stated that the bid will go out in September with a closing in November.

Colonial Pines Sewer Extension Project & Drainage Concerns – Mr. Nourse stated that the contractor continues to move up Juniper Street laying sewer pipe. He stated that the progress is slow due to the high volume of water underground. He stated that it has fallen slightly behind. He discussed a draft drainage report from the engineers, Underwood Engineers. He stated that there are 56 driveways in this project area and 25 of them have potential surface drainage or ponding issues because their driveways aprons

are lower than the roadway. Mr. Nourse stated some could be handled by raising the driveways and some could be handled by lowering and regrading sections of the roadway prior to new pavement. Mr. Nourse stated that the current contract included paving trench patches this year and a mill and overlay next year. He stated that these discussed changes to accommodate the surface drainage driveway issues would result in an estimated additional cost of \$225,000 in this phase alone. He stated these changes would not be incidental to the sewer work and this would not be charged to the sewer fund. He stated that a general fund supplemental appropriation would be needed. Mr. Nourse stated that the second part of the drainage study was for the subsurface or closed drainage system. He stated the study showed that the closed drainage system is in bad shape. He stated that the pipe is in very poor condition and in some areas and that there is no flow going through due to collapses and blockages. Mr. Nourse explained that the closed drainage is mostly outside the roadway and although it might be easier to do now, it does not have to be. He stated that this has not been discussed with the contractor yet and he does not know if they would be interested in completing this work as well. He stated that the cost to replace the closed drainage system in this phase is estimated at \$775,000. He stated that this would also be a general fund expense. Chairman Torr asked if the total million dollars was just this phase. Mr. Nourse stated that it was. Councilor Varney asked if he estimated about the same for the next two phases. Mr. Nourse stated that yes that is likely, 3 million for drainage plus the 12-15 million in sewer work. There was discussion on the rate impacts of this project overall to the sewer users and pushing out the 2nd and 3rd phases of this project. Councilor Varney asked Mr. Cox for a summary of all of the Sewer Projects currently in progress with the expected dates of completion.

Rt. 202A Water Main Extension Project – Mr. Nourse stated that he had sent survey letters out to all residents in the project area to determine which properties were interested in tying into the new water line. He stated that of the 31 homes on Winkley Farm he had heard from 24 that would be interested in tying-in during the project or within 5 years and 1 that is not interested ever. Mr. Nourse stated of the 18 homes on Fiddlehead Lane there were 5 interested and 2 not interested that have responded so far. He stated that we have not heard from anyone on Bickford, Rt 202A or Walnut Street. Mr. Nourse stated that he has not been able to discuss the tank location and other issues with the Highfield Common Developer as of yet. He was given guidance to wait until the Planning Department and the Developer have worked out an agreement on the site stabilization issues.

2019 Paving Program – Mr. Nourse stated that he is pleased that the current schedule is working. Brox Industries has nearly completed the scheduled paving for this season and it is still early in the season. He stated that he expects to come back next month with the 2020 paving list for approval. Mr. Nourse stated that as requested he had run the list with the current \$900,000 that is appropriated and the \$1.1 million that might occur with some de-authorizations. He stated that after some other considerations we've taken into

account he would bring that list to the Committee next month. Mr. Nourse stated that he has discussed improvements to North Street and Osborn Street with the contractor and he is waiting for estimates on that potential work. He stated he also waiting on proposal for drainage and pavement on Estes Road, Betts Road, Sheepboro Road and Salmon Falls. He stated that these roads can be looked at as standalone projects if the Council wanted to consider them.

Drainage Projects – Mr Nourse stated we were planning to move forward with the drainage project at the end of Emerson Lane. He stated the project's cost is about \$76,000, but prior to proceeding with that project a new problem has come up on Columbus Ave. near Linscott Court. He stated that with the new FY2020 budget we have approximately \$101,000 available for drainage repairs and if the Columbus Ave. repair is higher than that we will need to hold on the Emerson Ave. repair. He stated that there is a sink hole issue on Columbus and it is definitely the priority project.

Strafford Square - Mr. Nourse stated that the eight required appraisals will be starting in August and will take about six to eight weeks. Once that is completed and the agreements are signed we will be able to go out to bid. He stated that the bidding will be done over the winter and construction will begin next season.

4. **Other**

Ten Rod Road Paving – Councilor Hamann stated that he had someone mention that the side of the recently paved road was already washing out in the area between the horse clinic and the animal veterinarian. Mr. Nourse stated that he would look into it.

Tebbetts Road, Road Safety Audit – Mr. Nourse stated that this NHDOT road safety audit will be next month with the NHDOT's consultant VHB. He stated that they have asked us to put together a team that can be on site for the ½ day. Mr. Nourse stated that he expected the team to be DPW Staff, Rochester Fire and Police Department Staff, and possibly some City Councilors. He stated he did not have a date yet. Councilor Walker asked that he email the City Council as soon as he gets the date. Mr. Nourse stated that they will also be discussing the intersection of Rt. 202 and Estes Road.

Portable Toilets at the Common – Councilor Varney stated that he has heard that there are issues with the use and cleanliness of the portable toilets. He stated that even if cleaned daily that the issue cannot be resolved as they are not being used for the intended purpose.

Eastern Ave / Exiting Roberge Manor – Councilor Keans asked if the area had been looked at for safe site distance. Councilor Walker stated that the Public Safety Committee had looked at it.

Hancock Street Crosswalk – Councilor Keans asked if the crosswalk was repainted in a different area. She stated that she had a call 2 weeks ago that it was relocated. Councilor Walker stated that Public Safety Committee did not authorize any being moved. Mr. Nourse stated that he would look into it.

Councilor Walker made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Councilor Haman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa J. Clark, City of Rochester Administration and Utility Billing Supervisor.