

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – MINUTES (Tuesday, December 10, 2013)**

Ald. Present: J. Heidemann, J. Belanger, J. Bohren, J. Pentico  
Ald. Guest: B. Thiel  
Ald. Excused: M. Hermann  
Staff Present: J. Amodeo, D. Biebel, J. Kerlin, R. Sazama, S. Thieszen, B. Rammer,  
Mayor Vandersteen

### **1. Opening of Meeting**

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- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Introduction of Committee Members & Staff
- 1.3 Committee Members Comments & Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

### **2. Items for Action**

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- 2.1 Approval of Public Works Committee Minutes from November 26, 2013.
  - J. Belanger/J. Pentico motioned to approve. All ayes.
  
- 2.2 R.O. 201-13-14 (Council 3.2) 12/02/13 Submitting a tabulation of Bid #1795-13 for the purchase of (3) three tri-axle dump trucks equipped with plows, salters, controls and equipment.
  - J. Bohren/J. Belanger motioned to accept and file the R.O. All ayes.
  
- 2.3 Res. 106-13-14 (Council 4.2) 12/02/13 Authorizing to enter into contract Bid #1795-13 for the purchase of (3) three tri-axle dump trucks equipped with plows, salters, controls and equipment.
  - J. Bohren/J. Belanger motioned to approve the Res. All ayes.
  
- 2.4 Discussion regarding the N. 20th St. sanitary sewer relay (Geele Ave. to Cleveland Ave.).
  - No action was taken.
  
- 2.5 Discussion regarding the Motor Vehicle Fund (Ald. Bohren request).
  - Ald. Bohren questioned leasing new trucks versus purchasing them. David Biebel explained how the Motor Vehicle fund was set up as an enterprise fund, where the City charges a rental rate to themselves. Since the 1980's, the fund built up significant cash to be used to fund replacement of department vehicles. In 2007, a decision was made to deplete those funds to fund the pension liability gap. Approximately \$1.8 million, in the general fund for motor vehicle expenses, covers the department operations; however, the fund has not adjusted rates to cover the rising costs of fuel, equipment, parts, and benefits. As a result, the fund is not receiving funds for replacement of vehicles, due to any adjustments would result in higher costs to the general fund. Therefore, the fund will be exhausted within the next two to five years.

### **3. Previous Matters Held Over for Possible Action**

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- 3.1 R.O. 159-13-14 (Council 4.4) 10/07/13 Communication from Midlake Softball Organization in regards to the contract for the Wildwood Softball Complex.
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- 3.2 Discussion regarding garbage packers.

#### **4. Reports of Staff**

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4.1 Directors Report.

**5. Set Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 14

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#### **6. CLOSED SESSION**

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6.1 MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION under the exemption provided in Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats, for the purpose of deliberating in regards to the contract for the Wildwood Softball Complex, where competitive and bargaining reasons require a closed session.

#### **7. Adjourn**

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