

CITY OF NORWICH
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 30, 2010

Present:

Ald. Deierlein

Ald. Carey

Absent:

Ald. Bresina, Chairman

Also:

City Clerk/Director of Finance William Roberts

DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson

Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo

EMO A. Jones

Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal Jason Lawrence

Deputy City Clerk Brian Drake

In the absence of Chairman Terry Bresina, Ald. Carey called the meeting of the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order at 6:17 p.m. on June 30, 2010, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Approval of Minutes

Ald. Deierlein **moved** to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2010. Seconded by Ald. Carey, approved ayes all.

Correspondence

Norwich High Homecoming Ald. Deierlein **moved** to recommend Council receipt and approval of correspondence from Lansing R. Dimon with requests for street closings for the Homecoming 2010 to be held Saturday, September 24, 2010. Seconded by Ald. Carey, approved ayes all.

Department Head Reports

Fire Department

Fire Chief's Vehicle Fire Chief Tracy Chawgo reported that Chief's vehicle's frame broke. The vehicle has been stripped. He is still researching a replacement; Windsor has some vehicles available at a reduced price. In the meantime he is using his personal vehicle after hours and the Department's Durango during on weekdays. He will report back to the Committee with a recommendation for a vehicle. Ald. Carey asked if the Department is purchasing the wrong type of vehicle. Chief Chawgo replied that the available Windsor vehicles are police vehicles.

Radio Tower Chief Chawgo reported that the new communications equipment purchased under a grant requires new antennas. Rather than compromising the firehouse roof, a tower will be erected at the side of the firehouse and bolted to the walls. Ald. Carey questioned the supports for the tower. The cost of the tower was discussed and the amount available in capital reserves. Ald. Carey asked if this would affect purchase of a brush truck. Chief Chawgo said that was not a priority. Ald. Deierlein asked whether the antennas could be mounted on the Police Station tower. EMO A. Jones replied that that tower is full, and the antennas must be placed near the radios. Ald. Carey **moved** to recommend the matter to the Finance/Personnel Committee pending further information regarding the stability of the structure, actual costs, and amount available in capital reserves. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all. A. Jones noted that the volunteer companies may contribute to the project.

Codes

24 East Main Code Enforcement Officer Jason Lawrence reported that the 24 East Main Street project has gone to bid. He noted that a driveway on the property is in disrepair and may pose a hazard, and that DPW Superintendent Carl Ivarson thought it should be blacktopped. C. Ivarson said this was because he does not know what sort of heavy vehicular traffic will occur when renovations begin. Ald. Carey asked if paving was included in the original bid to which the preferred purchaser has committed. J. Lawrence replied that it was not. Ald. Carey replied that this should be the purchaser's responsibility. If a safety issue arises during the work, the Council can deal with it then.

Energy-Efficiency Project J. Lawrence reported that Codes met with Larry Simpson of Blue Springs regarding the website to be built as part of the NYSEDA grants. Information has been given to Blue Springs

and the site will go live in approximately a month. The website will offer advice, calculators, and grant opportunities for residents, small businesses, and non-profits to improve energy efficiency. He noted that Arnell's installed a solar PV system and is realizing big savings on energy costs. This installation will be highlighted on the website. Oswego has a similar site built by the same company.

DPW

Firehouse Kitchen/Engineering

C. Ivarson reported that the firehouse has a major problem in the kitchen, where the wall has a bad leak and is wet and covered with mold. The wall is of cinder block construction with no vapor barrier. Insulation and sheetrock will need to be replaced, a gutter added, and other work done. He proposed including this project in the engineering for City Hall roof and the finishing work on the interior of the exterior wall of the third floor of the firehouse. The entire project can be handled by a single general contractor. This will realize significant savings. With the addition of the kitchen repairs, this project would still come in within budget. Ald. Carey asked whether the roof project included replacing the copper flashing. J. Lawrence noted that there is no requirement to replace or preserve the copper flashing. Ald. Carey said that ice and water shielding must be installed to prevent future problems. Ald. Carey **moved** to forward the matter to the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting for approval of engineering of the three projects, with modifications to provide a big alternate for retention/replacement of the copper and removal/sale of the copper. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

Personnel

C. Ivarson reported that three candidates were interviewed for the cleaner position, and recommended George Carnrike III be appointed. Ald. Carey **moved** to recommend the appointment of George Carnrike III as Cleaner to the Finance/Personnel Committee. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all. C. Ivarson then reported that a mechanic out on workers compensation for several months has announced his retirement. He requested to refill this position. Ald. Carey **moved** to recommend Finance/Personnel Committee approval of recruiting for the position of second-shift mechanic. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.

RBCs Project

C. Ivarson informed the Committee that two trains are up and running and the third will be up on Thursday. A punchlist has been prepared and the project should be completed by July 10., ahead of schedule and under budget. The President of EFC, Matt Driscoll, will be visiting the site on Thursday, July 8, at 11 a.m. The contract for replacement of the wet-well stairs was misplaced by the engineers and that project, as well as the screw pumps replacement, has been extended for 25-28 weeks.

Sidewalks

C. Ivarson stated he has received two more requests by nonprofits for inclusion in the sidewalk program. He is unaware of whether the City has written specifications for who may and may not be included in the program. Ald. Carey requested that Community Development Specialist Todd Dreyer attend the next Committee meeting with a written history and summary of the program, including rules for inclusion.

Pool Filter

C. Ivarson noted that the filter at Kurt Beyer Pool, which is over thirty years old, is rusted out and must be replaced at the end of this season. Money has been set aside for renovation of tennis courts, but the replacement of the filter is more urgent.

City Court

City Court carpets are due to be replaced in July. Movers will shift furniture during the installation. W. Roberts noted that the New York State Unified Court System is paying for the project.

Rexford Street Booster Pump Station

C. Ivarson reported that after a power shutdown by NYSEG, he discovered that the roof at the Rexford Street Booster Pump Station has fallen off. The DPW will have it replaced.

Adjournment

Ald. Carey **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Ald. Deierlein, approved ayes all.