

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 1, 2016

Attendance – Ms. Zuchowski-Eckel, Mr. Ruse, Mr. Oberdorf, Mr. Kolb and Mrs. Freeman

- Questions or Comments on the Year End Report – The committee had no questions for Tyler, only complements on a job well done.
- Vehicle Update – Tyler gave us an update on the vehicles. #8 is the new truck. Instead of surplusing truck #11, the committee agreed to surplus truck #1. Currently the zoning inspector is driving truck #1, but it is unsafe and leaks diesel. Truck #11 is in better shape. Mr. Zuchowski will switch to truck #11 and #1 will be surplused.
- Special Fund for Public Works Surplus and reimbursement (back charges to NWSD) - The committee discussed having a separate fund to deposit money that is paid by NWSD to the City for the Public Works Department to do restoration work. Mrs. Freeman stated that this fund would be very small as the majority of these payments serve as a “reimbursement” to the general fund for labor hours and materials. The committee would like Mrs. Freeman to look at what other communities are charging NWSD for restoration work, to confirm that we are charging an adequate fee. Mrs. Freeman agreed to monitor the reimbursement amount and if it has a sizeable increase, the committee will reopen the discussion.
- Damage to Property by NWSD and what is the city’s responsibilities to it’s residents. There is a property owner on Hannum that has contacted the committee with a complaint about broken sidewalks. Mr. Huffman attended the meeting to speak on NWSD’s behalf. He explained the situation and what recourse was offered to the resident. The committee was satisfied with what the district has offered to do and what they have done to explore the issue of the broken sidewalks. The sidewalks can be seen on google earth (circa 2008) as broken, this was before NWSD did work in his neighborhood. The committee agreed that future complaints will be investigated but residents should contact the City as soon as they have an issue.
- Income tax credit reduction, how to proceed, does the plan need to be modified – Mrs. Freeman said that she and Mr. Scott are preparing a plan with some different options. This plan will be presented to Finance on February 16th at 5 pm, and then they will present it to Public Works on February 17th at 9:30 am. The committee will revisit the issue at that time.
- The Civil Service test is being given right now for the open positions in the department.
- The Committee discussed the status of the public works projects and are concerned that some are on hold that should not be. We cannot afford to lose funding. They’d like to meet with Tetra Tech prior to their February 17th meeting for a short status update on the SR 65 projects.