

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 7, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Spiker, Jim Berns (exc. 5:12 p.m.), Ralph Geary, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Arlene Benrud, Jai Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Mary Kaufmann, Ray Ebert, Charlie Handy, Larry Hougom, Alison Huppert, Larry Baeder, Dick Berg, Xong Xiong, Gary Harter

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Charles Spiker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2011, COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2011, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)**

**MOTION** by Berns/Schroeder to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of February 3, 2011
- b. Minutes of LEC Construction Committee meeting of February 15, 2011
- c. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- d. Solid Waste Director's report, including Gas to Energy report

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **APPROVE BIDS FOR ROCK, SAND, HOT MIX ASPHALT, CRS-2 EMULSION, MILLING & RECLAIMING**

Keith Back presented the following bids for construction materials.

- **Rock**

Back explained that they obtain bids from multiple sources so they can haul from the quarry nearest to the construction site. **MOTION** by Berns/Geary to approve purchasing rock from various vendors at various amounts. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

- **Sand**

The sole bid was from Harter Trucking for \$4.00/\$2.00 per cubic yard. Back explained that sand was not needed in 2010 because they were able to use dredge material at no cost from the Corps of Engineers. However, they may have to use more sand in 2011 depending on flood conditions. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve purchasing sand from Harter Trucking for \$4.00/\$2.00 per cubic yard. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

- **Hot Mix, Cold Mix, and Recycled Blacktop**

Bids were received as follows for various materials. Back recommended approving all bids for asphalt related products that are used for different processes.

RAP Mix – Mathy Plant #86	\$43.86
Warm Asphalt – Mathy Plant #86	\$43.86
Cold Mix – Mathy	\$56.87
Recycled Mix – St. Joseph Construction	\$11.50

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Berns to approve purchasing hot mix for \$43.86 per ton, warm mix for \$43.86 per ton, and cold mix for \$56.87 per ton from Mathy Construction, and recycled blacktop from St. Joseph Construction for \$11.50 per ton.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused

- **CRS-2 Emulsion**

Bids were received as follows for emulsion used for seal coating. Back recommended purchasing from Flint Hills at a cost of \$1.884 per gallon.

Flint Hills – St. Paul	\$1.884
Henry Meigs – Portage/Eau Claire	\$1.9538

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Geary to approve purchasing CRS-2 emulsion from Flint Hills at \$1.884 per gallon. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

- **Milling**

Bids were received as follows for milling before repaving. Back explained that the cost per square yard varies according to the depth. He recommended purchasing from Kraemer Company.

Mathy Construction	\$.53/.63/.75/.82/.90
Kraemer Company	\$.50/.60/.70/.80/.90

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve purchasing milling from Kraemer Company at \$.50/.60/.70/.80/.90 per square yard. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

- **Reclaiming**

Bids were received as follows for reclaiming for repaving. Back recommended purchasing from Mathy Construction at a cost of \$3,500.00 per mile.

Kraemer Company	\$3,600.00
Mathy Construction	\$3,500.00

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Berns to approve purchasing reclaiming from Mathy Construction for \$3,500.00 per mile. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **APPROVE DISCRETIONARY MAINTENANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT**

Keith Back distributed a proposed agreement between La Crosse County and the State of Wisconsin for asphalt repair on Highway 16 in July-October, 2011.

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Geary to approve the discretionary maintenance project agreement with the State of Wisconsin. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **APPROVE PARK SYSTEM ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT 2010**

Jim Speropulos provided copies of the parks report that showed statistics on shelter rentals at Goose Island, Neshonoc, and Veterans Memorial, and camping at Goose Island and Veterans Memorial. **MOTION** by Berns/Geary to approve the Park System Annual Statistical Report 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **APPROVE REQUEST TO HOLD HMONG NEW YEAR EVENT AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

Jim Speropulos reported that the Hmong Mutual Assistance Association has again requested to use Veterans Memorial Park for the Hmong New Year celebration on October 8-9, 2011. Speropulos reported that there are no outstanding fee payments. He spoke with the Health Department and Sheriff's Department who reported there were no problems with the event in 2010. The same conditions will be in effect in 2011. He recommended approval. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve the request to hold Hmong New Year Event at Veterans Memorial Park on October 8-9, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **APPROVE REQUEST TO HOLD YMCA WAVE OPEN WATER SWIM AT LAKE NESHONOC**

Jim Speropulos reported that the YMCA has asked to hold a new event at Lake Neshonoc, which will be a competition for experienced open water swimmers and triathletes. The YMCA has received approval from the Lake Neshonoc Lake District to use the beach. Conditions regarding insurance, lifeguards, and cleanup will be in place. Speropulos recommended approval. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Berns to approve holding YMCA WAVE Open Water Swim at Lake Neshonoc on August 13, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **APPROVE REQUEST FROM VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM TO EXPAND EASEMENT THROUGH VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

Jim Speropulos presented a proposed easement agreement that would expand the water main and sewer line easement width from 10 feet to 30 feet to accommodate both lines. The lines would connect with a subdivision development to the west of the park. He reported the construction will take place in spring and summer and will not interrupt camping and other activities. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to approve the easement request from the Village of West Salem. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

### **APPROVE SOLID WASTE CITIZENS UNLOADING AREA HOURS**

Hank Koch presented statistics on the citizen unloading area that operated on alternate Saturday mornings from May 15, 2010, to October 16, 2010. He proposed staffing the area again in 2011 on first and third Saturdays, with costs totaling \$6,790 to cover staff overtime, container removal, and advertising. He expects revenues to be approximately \$4,500, resulting in a net loss of \$1,890. He stated funds could be transferred from operational costs without adverse effect on the overall budget. Hours would coincide with Household Hazardous Materials hours. Discussion followed regarding staffing needs, types of waste that would be accepted, and alternatives to advertising such as public service announcements. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve Solid Waste citizens unloading area hours. **Motion carried 4-1.** Benrud, Johnson excused; Spiker opposed.

### **REPORT ON SOLID WASTE MASTER LAND USE PLAN**

Hank Koch reported that the City of La Crosse recommended implementing a master plan that City Planning could use as a reference for building permits. He reported that, in fact, the permit for HHM storage was denied in 2010 because there was not a master plan in place. Charlie Handy provided in-house expertise for a master plan, and reported on considerations, such as ensuring site safety, security, and ease of use by customers, more sustainable use of land, and possible future uses when the landfill is at capacity and is closed. The plan includes the following: Summary of existing conditions, the planning process, land use plan goals and objectives, site vision, habitat and ecosystem development, alternative concepts, approved concept, and implementation. A possible future use of adjacent woodland would be as a community forest with walking trails. Koch reported that a survey of the woods indicates the need for harvesting. Discussion was held about the units of government that will need to be involved. Handy stated he hopes to have a resolution to bring to committee in April, 2011.

### **REPORT ON TRANSFER STATION OVERVIEW**

Hank Koch reported that transfer stations can be used to compact and screen garbage before sending to a landfill, which reduces haulers' costs of transportation, and allows collection trucks to be used on regular routes and not spending time delivering waste to the landfill. In La Crosse County, Waste Management and Harter's Quick Clean-up use a transfer station. He presented a Power Point analysis of costs and benefits. He reported that in 2011 Harter's signed a 7% rebate agreement for one year as incentive to bring in more garbage, and indications are

the landfill will get 7,000 more tons this year. He reported that Waste Management's upper level management is considering a rebate agreement. Discussion was held regarding rebate offers that have to be consistent for every hauler, and jurisdiction of governing ordinances on transfer stations.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 11, 2011**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None requested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Geary/Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns, Johnson excused. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**Approved,** April 11, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder