

## Brodhead Public Works Committee Meeting Tuesday February 2, 2016

Call to order at 3:45 pm—Present: Rich Vogel, Holly Everson, Barb Krattiger Troy Nyman, Mary Mason, Dick Hale, Chris Dodd. Absent: Cheyenne Brady.  
Also in attendance: Robert Coplien and Police Chief Chris Hughes.

Motion to accept January minutes by Holly, second by Troy. Motion passed.

Concerned Citizens: Robert Coplien complained about the sidewalk snow removal policy and how it is implemented. He felt 17<sup>th</sup> Street was unfairly targeted. He presented over sixty pictures showing sidewalks not cleared. He suggested the city hire a third party to clear sidewalks. He was also concerned that some property owners were not charged for the work we did on them. Rich explained that in cases when it's just a small spot downtown that needed a little salt, we don't charge. And that many of his pictures were from the small dustings we received during January and that if it isn't a safety issue or problem for pedestrians and since we were having warm weather that would melt it, we didn't see the need to run around the city looking to make problems when not necessary. Rich explained that the department has always tried to use common sense. Even with the snow/ice that fell on December 28<sup>th</sup> that Mr. Coplien was cited for, we gave residents through the next weekend when it warmed up since it was so difficult to remove.

Chief Hughes informed the Committee that Rich had brought his concerns with the policy to the Department Head meeting, looking for better ideas. Chief Hughes suggested we put it on our next agenda. Some ideas he suggested was to leave it as is, have the CSO's deliver door hangers or go to a complaint only policy.

Phosphorus Permit Update: Rich gave the committee an update on the meeting held to discuss "Trading" options for phosphorus compliance coming in 2017. Projected cost for updating the plant is \$4.2M with a total twenty year cost of \$5.3M. We are in the process of proving to the DNR that we can almost meet our limit without upgrading the plant. To make up for the amount we cannot remove at the plant, we would do "Trading". We had a meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> with Todd Jenson and Tonya Gratz from the Green County Conservation Department, Susan Lehnhart from the Sugar River Watershed, Dick & Meredith Tripp from the DLMRA and Dick Marti from the Green County Highway Department to look into the "Trading" option. The cost for this would be \$1.2M with a total twenty year cost of \$3.7M. Our next meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup>. At the next council meeting we will present the options.

Committee reviewed the budget. No action.

Concerns of committee members—Dick reported that there are pot holes around manholes on 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Motion by Troy to adjourn, second by Mary. Motion passed at 5:05 pm.

Submitted by Rich Vogel