PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 17, 2018
Municipal Center Council Chambers, 5:30 PM

1. Call to Order: Chairman Santi called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Roll Call: Chairman Santi, Alderman Mihevc, and Alderman Curry. Also in attendance Director of Public Works Schmitt, Project Engineer Strange, Chief of Police Birk, Deputy Chief of Police Walsh, and Administrative Assistant Meyer.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Motion to approve the April 9, 2018 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

    Alderman Mihevc made a motion seconded by Alderman Santi to approve the minutes as presented,

    Aye: Mihevc, Santi.
    Abstained: Curry.
    Motion Carried.

5. Review of revisions to the Traffic and Motor Vehicle Code, section 13-201, Speed Limits Established and if recommended by Public Works Committee present to full City Council for consideration.

    Chairman Santi asked Deputy Chief Walsh to present the item to the Committee.

    Deputy Chief Walsh informed the Committee that in evaluating some of the complaints received and reviewing the data from the temporary speed sign, it was found that from January through March the average amount of traffic traveling this section of roadway was about 2,800 cars a day. While there are established crosswalks, this is a residential area and it is recommendation to change the speed limit on Green Street between Charles Miller and Anne Street to 25mph to be consistent with the residential speed limits in the rest of the Community.

    Alderman Curry asked why it is proposed to change the speed limit all the way to Charles Miller Road instead of starting at Larkin Lane. Chief Birk commented that trying to exit Larkin Lane can be difficult due to the speed limit. The Police Department has received multiple complaints that this is a blind spot. By changing the speed limit starting at Charles Miller Road it gives people the warning to slow down before reaching residential and high foot traffic areas.

    Alderman Mihevc stated that he supports this idea and appreciates the work that was done on it. This is really needed and it is a great idea to make it as safe as we can, because there is a lot of pedestrian traffic in this area.

    Alderman Santi asked about the notification and enforcement of the new speed limit. Chief Birk said that warning flags can be put on the new signs and the Police Department will put out a media campaign on social media and on the website. For a period of time enforcement will be in the form of a written warning.
Alderman Mihevc made a motion, seconded by Alderman Curry to approve the revisions to the Traffic and Motor Vehicle Code, section 13-201, Speed Limits Established from a 30 mph speed limit a 25 mph speed limit in presented area and to recommend presentation to full City Council for consideration.

Ayes: Mihevc, Curry, Santi.
Motion carried.


Chairman Santi asked Deputy Chief Walsh to present the item to the Committee.

Deputy Chief Walsh stated that the Police Department has been getting an increasing number of complaints about ATVs and mini bikes out on the roadways. After looking at the citations and the current ordinance it was found that the fine structure is not strong enough to act as a deterrent. The current fine is $10.00. The revisions to this section include increasing and changing the fine structure, changing the language from motorized skateboards and scooters to motorized recreational devices and cleaning up the overall language.

Discussion ensued regarding various vehicles that would fall into the category of motorized recreational devices and it was clarified that the use of any of these vehicles on public property is against the ordinance.

Alderman Curry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mihevc to approve the revisions to the Traffic and Motor Vehicle Code, Section 13-901, Skateboards, 13-902, Snowmobiles Prohibited in City of McHenry Park Property, 13-903, Motorized Skateboards and Scooters, and 13-1008, Voluntary Settlements Regarding Certain Ordinance Violation, and to recommend presentation to full City Council for consideration.

Ayes: Curry, Mihevc, Santi.
Motion carried.
7. **Discussion on Fiscal Year 2018/19 Public Works Committee Meeting Dates and Topics.**

Director Schmitt stated that he is looking to set up meetings for the rest of the calendar year or the fiscal year, and asked the Committee what days/times work best. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Tuesdays evenings would be okay with a start time of 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. at the latest. It was also discussed that committee meetings could be held every other month, unless there are a large number of items on the agenda.

- Committee Meeting dedicated to an onsite review of the streets and various street rating conditions to be held within the next two months.
- Committee Meeting/Open House at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant end of summer/early fall.
- Review of intergovernmental agreements for snowplowing with McHenry and Nunda Townships.
- Policy for accepting existing public improvements.

8. **Staff Reports.**

Project Engineer Strange an overview of the on-going projects:

- **CMAP Grant:** The City received a grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for a road rating analysis of the entire City done by a private contractor at no cost to the City. This work will be starting shortly.

- **Pearl Street/Lincoln Road Improvements:** Started on July 16th. Crews began tree removal east of the bridge and saw cutting for storm sewer removal and replacement west of the bridge. This will take about two weeks. Utility relocation is on going.

- **Green Street Bridge:** Anticipated to begin at end of July. Contracted engineer has been in contact with business owners. The bridge will stay open with alternating lane closures. There will temporarily be no parking on the bridge. An informational brochure is being made and will be available to the business owners as well as the general public.

- **Timothy/Clover Water Main Replacement:** Startup anticipated for July 30th. Work is going to begin with making a pressure connection to the water main that runs north/south on Green Street at the Green St and Clover intersection. All property owners that will be affected by the project have been contacted and will be kept informed.

9. **Other Business:** None.
10. Motion to Adjourn.

Alderman Mihevc made a motion, seconded by Alderman Curry to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Meyer, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and approved this 28th day August, 2018.

Chairman Victor Santi