

**UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6:00pm  
Yorkville City Hall, East Conference Room #337  
651 Prairie Pointe Drive, Yorkville, IL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Chairman Ken Koch  
Alderman Craig Soling

Alderman Rusty Corneils via Zoom  
Alderman Matt Marek

**Other City Officials**

City Administrator Bart Olson  
Engineer Brad Sanderson, EEI  
Public Works Director Eric Dhuse

Assistant City Administrator Erin Willrett  
Alderman Chris Funkhouser  
Assistant Public Works Director John Sleezer

**Other Guests:**

Noah Anderson, resident  
“iphone”

Joey Weslo, *Kendall County Record* via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Ken Koch.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** January 21, 2025

The minutes were approved as presented on a unanimous voice vote.

**New Business:**

***1. PW 2025-12 Snow Operations Report***

Mr. Dhuse referred to his report that shows the amount of salt and brine used and how many times the crews had to go out. He said it was a relatively mild winter and the city is below on salt usage. About 1,300 tons of salt were ordered this year which is 700 tons short of what is usually used.

***2. PW 2025-13 Resolution Approving a Bid to Replace the Roofs at Three City Buildings***

*(Well No. 7, Well No. 8, Beecher Center Roofs)*

Bids were received and the low bidder was Filotto Roofing at almost \$1 Million, \$2,800 over the budget which Mr. Dhuse said can be accommodated. The work will entail a tearoff and shingles and the work will be done before May 1. Mr. Dhuse said they also received a price for plywood which should only be needed at the Beecher Center in the roof valleys. Alderman Funkhouser asked if it is typical to only receive 2 bids. Mr. Dhuse said more bids are usually received, but both are reputable. This moves forward to City Council.

***3. PW 2025-14 Ordinance Accepting the Dedication of a Right-of-Way for Public Road Purposes***

*(Crimson Lane)*

Mr. Sanderson referred to the packet memo and said staff recently became aware that Crimson Lane had never been dedicated after 20 years. He recommended moving this forward for acceptance and he added that the city has been maintaining the road. This moves to the consent agenda.

#### ***4. PW 2025-15 Worsley Street Right-of-Way Vacation***

Mr. Olson said the property in question is adjacent to property just rezoned for a multi-generational home owned by Peter McKnight. The neighbor is the Schillinger Family. It was determined that there is a 30-foot right-of-way for Worsley St. in between the 2 properties and there is no street or utilities there. They asked for a vacation of the property with each property owner receiving 15 feet and it will require a Public Hearing and Council approval, etc. Each will pay a nominal fee of about \$10. Mr. Olson recommended that the city retain a 5 foot utility easement on the center line of that right-of-way. If the committee approves, it will move forward to the Council to start the process. He noted it will take 6 out of 8 Aldermen to vote in favor. Alderman Marek asked how much staff time will be used for this process. Mr. Olson believes it will require a few dozen manhours, committee hours, plus attorney fees, etc. Mr. Marek asked if there is a cheaper route to accomplish this. Mr. Olson said there is no way to just convey the property to the 2 owners and that they could just use it for free. This property hasn't been used since 1920 and there is currently no use for it, said Mr. Dhuse. The committee recommended moving this forward to the City Council.

#### ***5. PW 2025-16 Resolution Approving a Bid to Replace Water Mains***

Bids were taken a week ago for the 2025 Water Main Replacement program to replace 9,000 feet of water main, said Mr. Sanderson. This will be part of the efforts to reduce the water loss for the IDNR as part of the Lake Michigan project. There were 7 bidders with low bidder being Winninger Excavating at \$4.8 million. He said there are multiple funding sources. He said the IDNR has a different process and the Council has to approve a notice of intent to award, and several other documents that go to the IEPA before loans are finalized. Then it comes back to the Council to approve and the formal bid award is issued. The bids were higher than the initial loan amount was and the IEPA does have the money available to cover the cost. There are 2 more of these projects--for the tank project and the receiving station.

Alderman Koch asked if any of the water main will go under recently paved streets—the most recent was within the last 10-15 years. Alderman Marek asked what stage the city is in at this point, in the entire project. Mr. Sanderson will bring maps to the next meeting to show the progress. Mr. Dhuse added that there is one more year of accelerated water main replacement to be done by September 2026. The committee discussed upcoming streets where water main will be replaced. Alderman Funkhouser asked about courthouse square and what was vacated or retained. After checking the GIS map, Mr. Dhuse said Ridge and Jefferson were vacated and only Madison was retained. This item moves to the regular agenda.

#### ***6. PW 2025-17 Resolution Approving Supplement No. 1 to the Agreement for Land Acquisition Consulting Services with Mathewson Right of Way Company***

Administrator Olson said the Mathewson Company was hired to facilitate parcel acquisition at Rts. 126 and 71. Federal WIFIA funds are being used. An agreement was approved a few months ago and now there is a need to buy 3 more properties at a cost of \$45,000 in a supplemental agreement. He recommended approval and the committee will move it forth to the regular Council agenda with their OK.

#### ***7. PW 2025-18 Northland Lane Parking Restrictions - Discussion***

Mr. Olson said the 2013 original restriction allowed parking on the east side of the road due to hydrants on the west side and the city did not want kids to run between parked cars from the park. With Heartland Meadows going in, a fair amount of parking would be lost on the east side due to driveway cuts. The committee considered if the parking restrictions should be switched. Alderman Funkhouser said switching the parking would be almost equal and he has concern for the view coming around the corner and also parking on the curve. He would like numbers for parking and a line of sight and is open to notifying residents for feedback also. Mr. Olson noted that when Aldermen endorse a certain change, the HOA can send out letters to the residents. This matter will be brought back next month and Mr. Sanderson will do an exhibit and parking numbers. It was noted that a full traffic study has already been done regarding speed.

#### **8. PW 2025-19 Cannonball Trail Path - Discussion**

Alderman Koch noted an email had been sent to the committee about a serious accident involving a bike that had occurred in this area. He asked about the cost for a pedestrian trail. Mr. Sanderson said it would be about a mile of trail with a number of challenges including a large drainage ditch, right-of-way, the area is in the county and many trees. He estimated the cost to be \$750,000 to \$1 million. There is a future path along Rt. 47 and a path in on Cannonball would be a good connector with Rt. 34. Mr. Koch asked which side a possible trail would be situated. It was noted the accident was on the curve by the church and Amanda Lane. Mr. Olson said if this is moved forward, a feasibility study would be needed. He added that in 2011/2012 a referendum was done for a bike path so a cost estimate update could be done from that information. Alderman Marek said he has had many inquiries about a bike path and he believes there would be high usage. This will be brought back next month with additional information.

**Old Business:** None

**Additional Business:** None

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by  
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