



CITY OF WAWATOSA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES • MAY 7, 2013

Regular Meeting

Common Council Chambers

6:45 PM

7725 West North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Peter Donegan	Alderman	Present	
James Moldenhauer	Alderman	Present	
Kathleen Causier	Alderwoman	Present	
Craig Wilson	Alderman	Present	
Jeffrey Roznowski	Alderman	Present	
John Dubinski	Alderman	Present	
Tim Hanson	Alderman	Present	
Gregory Walz-Chojnacki	Alderman	Present	
Jill Organ	Alderwoman	Present	
Dennis McBride	Alderman	Present	
Bobby Pantuso	Alderman	Present	
Joel Tilleson	Alderman	Present	
Brian Ewerdt	Alderman	Present	
Donald Birschel	Alderman	Present	
Cheryl Berdan	Alderwoman	Present	
Jason Wilke	Alderman	Present	
William Wehrley	City Engineer	Present	
William Porter	Public Works Director	Present	
John Ruggini	Finance Director	Present	

2. Status report from the Public Works Director concerning storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure projects

Mr. Porter gave an update on the progress that has been made concerning storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure projects. These projects were being done to address the flooding in the city. He presented a map of priority work areas. It showed a listing of basement flooding calls in the affected areas. He also presented a PowerPoint presentation touching on sewer conditions in the city. He explained that the city has separate sewers which means that street flooding and basement flooding are usually separate.

Mr. Porter commented that over the five year span of a Capitol Improvement plan there are a variety of projects that are planned. The current plan included a storm sewer project on Courtland Avenue, and Meinicke Street storm sewer improvements. Other storm sewer improvement projects are finished. The Mountain Avenue, Alta Vista, and Hillcrest projects were completed in 2010. The Ruby Avenue Storm Sewer improvements will provide a higher level of protection for the neighbors. These will be completed at the end of the construction season. Milwaukee Avenue and Hillside Lane storm sewer improvements are planned for the outlying years. There is also the East Tosa Flood Relief project including Schoonmacher Creek.

Mr. Wehrley noted that basement backups had been the first project addressed in the Meinicke Avenue, 90th Street sanitary sewer improvements. He stressed that the city has gone as far as we can in fixing the problems. After that any future backups are connected with the condition of homeowners laterals, etc. Mr. Wehrley talked about each project in the works, the cost and the status of the project at the current time. He mentioned that

flows in April were high volume and low intensity. He pointed out that they need high intensity events in order to make calibrations. With regard to City Hall South sanitary sewer improvements, the cost may fluctuate up or down depending on a number of factors. With regard to East Tosa Flood Relief, costs could include replacing the water mains and street lights.

Mr. Porter commented that when all the projects are done, the city will have completed 100% of the sanitary sewer relief Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) aims to have zero wastewater overflows by 2035 with \$62 million dedicated to this project; however, that number has gone up and down. They are also outlining a timeline and different elements of I&I on private property. They will be educating the committee on what the options are. During the first quarter of 2014 they will be able to formulate a policy regarding private property laterals, etc. Some cities have used an insurance program, imposed by the cities, to pool the money to pay for these projects.

Ald. Donegan asked which committees will be used to conduct the sessions. Mr. Porter responded that Budget & Finance would be a good venue. He is leaning more towards solutions with private property owners. He is also looking at a time table for the next few years.

Mr. Wehrley noted that the question to ask is what is the problem we're trying to solve. If the solution is getting the water out of the basement then the direction would be more clear. The issue is enormous sums of money and then they have to decide what approach the city will take toward private property home owners. Ald. Donegan asked what will be imposed on us. Mr. Wehrley responded that MMSD has made no requirements on storm sewers lies with the city; however, Tosa East Town is in violation. The rest of the city is in compliance with today's rules. The city is more than 50% along regarding the five year waste water rule that must be met. He noted that as long as they are working on the project it is acceptable to MMSD. He also asked MMSD if they calculated the April events and they said they will get back to the city.

Mr. Wehrley added that there is \$50 million dollars needed to take care of Schoonmacker Creek. Other jurisdictions are involved with this piece of land. If MMSD takes over it would save the city a lot of money.

Mr. Wehrley added that the city is in violation of peak wet weather flows, but if MMSD has to step in they would do the work and then charge the city for it.

Carla A. Ledesma, CMC, City Clerk