

Approved February 5, 2015

MINUTES
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

December 4, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum. Chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen John Banas, James Beifuss, Sandra Dimas, Don Earley, Mark Edwalds, Al Hallett and John Smith present.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter and Executive Secretary Michelle Baldino.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Infrastructure Committee Minutes of November 6, 2014. Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Banas to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014 with no changes. Voting Yea: Aldermen Smith, Banas, Beifuss, Dimas, Earley, Edwalds, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

3. Public Participation / Presentations. None.

4. Items for Consent. Chairman Beifuss asked if Committee members if anyone wanted to pull consent items for discussion.

Alderman Earley asked for discussion on Item 4.E., and Chairman Beifuss wanted to discuss Item 4.E., and Item 4. B.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley to approve:

- A. Resolution No. 14-R-0076 – Contract Award – 2015 Parkway Tree Planting**
- C. Resolution No. 14-R-0078 – Plat of Easement for Fence at 2541 Meadowlark Drive (PIN No. 01-27-209-002)**
- D. Resolution No. 14-R-0079 – Intergovernmental Agreement with the Winfield Township Road District for Snow Removal Operations**
- F. Change Order No. 1 & Final – 2014 Metra Station Stair Reconstruction Project – Landmark Contractors, Inc.**

Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Earley, Banas, Beifuss, Edwalds, Hallett, and Smith.
Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. 4.B. Resolution No. 14-R-0077 – Contract Award – 2015 Forestry Maintenance Program. Chairman Beifuss stated that out of seven plan-holders, the City only received three

bids. Of the three bids, two were substantially higher than that of the lowest bidder. He asked staff if there was a reason why. Mr. Flatter stated that the City received similar bids last year. The low bidder, Steve Piper & Sons has held the contract for the past few years, and he has shared with staff that it is better for his company to keep his employees busy during the winter season instead of laying them off, so he does not make much money on this program.

Chairman Beifuss made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution No. 14-R-0077 authorizing a Contract with Steve Piper & Sons, Inc., for the 2015 Forestry Maintenance Program. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Smith, Banas, Dimas, Earley, Edwalds, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

4.E. Ordinance No. 14-O-0031 – Amending Chapter 15, Section 15-5, and Appendix A, Section 14.12 of the Municipal Code for the Purpose of Excluding Ginkgo and Ash Trees from the City’s Approved Tree Planting List. Alderman Earley stated that ornamental pear trees also produce a messy fruit which he feels is worse than that of the Ginkgo tree. He said that there are hundreds of these trees in town and approximately 25% of them still have their leaves. He would like to see Ornamental Pear trees added to the exclusion list. Mr. Flatter said that pear trees are the most popular tree that residents ask for because of their beautiful shape. They do give off an odor, grow quickly, and bear fruit in the fall that lasts throughout the winter. Alderman Earley asked if there are ornamental pear trees that do not bear fruit. Mr. Flatter stated that he would have to research.

Chairman Beifuss said that the Infrastructure Committee is responsible for amending the City Code, Chapter 15 for Parkways, but within the written summary provided, staff is also asking to amend Section 14.12 of the Municipal Code which will affect private property. Chairman Beifuss stated that the Development Committee is responsible for that portion of the request. Mr. Flatter stated that the issue with Ash trees is that when they are planted on private property, they may not be properly treated so the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) will continue to infest parkway trees that the City is already treating.

Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Earley to direct staff to refer Section 15-5, Appendix A, Section 14.12 to the Development Committee for discussion and then bring back a more comprehensive review of the proposed Ordinance Amendment to exclude certain trees to the Infrastructure Committee at its next meeting in February 2015. Voting Yea: Aldermen Hallett, Earley, Banas, Beifuss, Dimas, Edwalds, and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

5. A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Wood Street. Mr. Flatter stated that he just found out that DuPage County awarded the City \$261,500.00 for the reconstruction of Wood Street (42-1/2% towards an estimated \$615,000.00 project) and asked for the Infrastructure Committee’s recommendation to bring the item to the next City Council meeting for approval so that the project can be engineered and designed for spring construction.

Alderman Banas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to direct staff to place the CDBG for Wood Street on the agenda for the December 15, 2014 City Council meeting for

approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Banas, Dimas, Beifuss, Earley, Edwalds, Hallett and Smith. Voting Nay: 0.

6. Unfinished Business. None

7. New Business.

A. Cancel the January 1, 2015 Infrastructure Committee meeting. The Infrastructure Committee unanimously agreed.

8. Reports from Staff.

A. Mr. Flatter informed Committee that he just approved the fabrication design for the new railings for the Main Street Pedestrian Tunnel Project. It is anticipated that it will take four to six weeks for fabrication. Chairman Beifuss asked why there is a NO TRESPASSING SIGN posted on the fence. Mr. Flatter stated that it is there only for the fenced in area around the stairs, posted for liability reasons. Chairman Beifuss requested that staff install a sign that states PLEASE USE RAMP with an arrow so pedestrians know that the tunnel is actually open for use.

9. Adjournment. At 7:26 P.M., Alderman Dimas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Banas. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Executive Secretary