

## PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

The Public Works/Safety Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, in Conference Room No. 1 at the City Office Building.

Present:	Ron Christianson	.....	Chair
	Audrey Nelsen	.....	Vice Chair
	Steve Ahmann	.....	Member
	Andrew Plowman	.....	Member

Others present: Public Works Director Sean Christensen; Police Chief Jim Felt.

#### Item No. 1      Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christianson at 4:45 p.m.

#### Item No. 2      Public Comments

There was no public comment.

#### Item No. 3      Police Update (Information)

Police Chief Jim Felt noted the jail census for November 10, 2015 was 162; 86 inmates from the Department of Corrections, 73 inmates from Kandiyohi County and 3 inmates from Swift County. The calls for service since October 27th totaled 763 and is 23 days ahead of last year. The majority of the calls were for traffic stops, followed by public assists and thefts. The two new officers will be completing the final of their four sections of field training in December. The Committee discussed the possible impact the Kandiyohi County Jail would face if the Appleton prison opened. Chief Felt expressed gratitude for all who voted for the K9 contest, with the Willmar Police Department reaching number eight in the ranking. The department has received \$200 in private donations and \$5,000 from Jennie O for the vests for the two K9 dogs. A media event will be scheduled when the vests are delivered for fitting. Three were arrested in the robbery of Sunray Express and a warrant was issued for the juvenile involved. An officer was injured in an assault by a woman he was attempting to arrest in the early hours of November 8<sup>th</sup>, with the woman tased and apprehended by a backup officer. Possible solutions to prevent four wheeling in Robbins Island Park were discussed. The positive impact of the department's Facebook page was noted, with community involvement on the posts to help solve crimes. The possibility of an increase in thefts in the last year were discussed and the increase in calls being due to Family Services reporting. The Committee discussed the shelter options for males affected by domestic abuse and the resources Safe Avenues and LifeRight offers for them.

#### Item No. 4      Accept Project and Authorize Final Payment 1301-B (Resolution)

Staff brought forth, for approval, the acceptance of Project No. 1301-B and authorizing final payment to Duinink, Inc. in the amount of \$111,255.88. The City entered into an agreement with Duinink on May 6, 2013 for the reconstruction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Havana Street NE, and the Block 42 Parking Lot. The final pay request with quantities is hereby submitted for consideration and is just under contract. The delay in the project was due to the late start in starting 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

A motion was made by Council Member Ahmann, seconded by Council Member Nelsen to approve the acceptance of Project No. 1301-B and authorizing final payment to Duinink, Inc. in the amount of \$111,255.88. The motion carried.

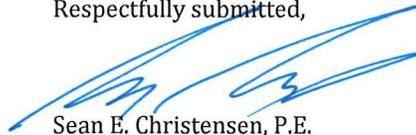
#### Item No. 5      Public Works Update (Information)

Staff brought forth, for information, updates on the activities of the Public Works Department. Seasonal staff is done for the year as of November 6<sup>th</sup>. Various tasks in the department include removing docks, sharrow

symbols on Ella Avenue, prepping snow equipment for winter use and the newly updated Selvig Park. The Brush Site will be closing for the season on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Committee discussed the usage of the dog park, the Yellow Bike program and various repair items at the Auditorium.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by Chair Christianson.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean E. Christensen, P.E.  
Public Works Director