NOTES FROM A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013 – 10:00 A.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Simon. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Chair Simon and Duane Willenbring.

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber, Public Works Director Rick Hansen, and Engineer Dave Blommel.

Others Present: Jeff Bertram – West Central Sanitation, Rick Tallman-resident.

2013 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – Chair Simon called the meeting to order. Due to the fact that Jeff Bertram was not currently present discussion was held regarding 2013 improvement projects.

Engineer Dave Blommel stated that the soil boring report from ITT for the Burg Street project is pretty much what he expected.

Discussion was held regarding full depth reclamation. Dave indicted that this project would be somewhat like that, but more than County Road 8 project.

GARBAGE HAULING ISSUE OF WEAR AND TEAR ON CITY ROADS – Jeff Bertram was invited to the meeting to speak to the issue of wear and teat on city roads. Chair Simon has obtained a document showing that one garbage truck would weigh about as much as 1,279 cars. Mr. Bertram wished to clarify that this scenario does not point out that the garbage truck would need to be full in order to weight that much.

Mr. Bertram went on to explain the history of how garbage hauling has changed over the years and why Cold Spring & Richmond have 3 haulers permitted to service their residents.

- Rockville currently has 4 haulers: West Central Sanitation, Waste Management, Veolia and Republic Services which is limited.
- Rockville is unique in that not all residents in the city would be required to have service. Farmers will burn or bury their garbage. Most cities that have one hauler they mandate that you have service.
- People want consistent pricing, long term contracts, and a local hauler.
- What is your goal, good service, pricing, etc?

Rick Hansen asked if we can mandate that all haulers pick up on the same date. Jeff Bertram stated yes, but it limits their ability.

Rick Hansen asked is there anything we can do to stop the driver from not closing their blade. Jeff Bertram suggested that he call the company.

Engineer Dave Blommel indicated that we currently have 20 year road design. Frost, cracking, and water are the hardest thing on roads.

Jeff Bertram also reported:

- Their trucks weight 28,000 lbs. empty
- Milk trucks access our roads every day and can be harder on the wear & tear
- Wheel base –they have three axles on their trucks
- Limit the haulers would be the reduction of wear and tear.

Rena Weber asked about the mandatory service issue and who would enforce it. Jeff

- Bertram suggested getting in touch with Don Peach from Paynesville Township and see how they do it. . *(Upon further review it was learned that when the city adopted the MN Basic Code – mandatory disposal of garbage is in the ordinance).*

Member Willenbring indicated that he still is against limiting the number. He would like to see people talk to their neighbors, and arrange to have one hauler on their street. We should not have the government involved.

Jeff Bertram suggested we get a listing of the number of homes/businesses serviced. He indicated that West Central contracts with 356 units in Rockville currently. If we knew what the

other companies were servicing we could figure out approximately how many are not being serviced.

Rick Hansen stated that limiting the number will help, but we still have other trucks and we would not want to restrict them? We would need to build the roads to 10 ton.
Rena will ask all companies of the number of pick ups they do in the city.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – Discussion returned to 2013 improvement projects:

Member Willenbring voiced concern that we need to train the people that doing the soil borings is a must.

Burg Street - Discussed assessing everybody the same Vs assessing 200' maximum for each parcel. 200' applies to the rural part of Rockville – not Burg Street.

Rick Hansen reported that one person wanted us to use granite in the base. It was determined that this is too expensive and has not been used on city projects thus far.

Dave Blommel asked the committee if we would consider collaborating with St. Augusta. The consensus was yes. (*Dave later reported that St. Augusta changed their project to reconstruction instead of reclamation so we would not be a good fit)*

Rick Hansen asked the committee to consider improving 80th Ave with tar instead of him sending a grader out there.

Holly Road – Dave will look into costs to grind up and re-tar the area.

If we do this with St. Augusta a joint powers agreement will need to be drafted.

Dave Blommel indicated that there would be one set of plans for both cities and we can gain efficiency by dong together.

County Road 8 Project will be no cost to the city as no mains are going in.

Replacing culverts on County Road 8 will most likely be a cost to the city.

County Road 138 – Member Willenbring indicated that we need to be on board with the county in that if they want to turn it over to the city then we would add the Rocori Trail with the change over.

We need council approval to meet with the county to discuss this.

Order Feasibility study at next meeting. Approximate cost $350,000 with $40,000 being engineering.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by:
Rena Weber
Administrator/Clerk