

**PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The Public Works/Safety Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, in Conference Room No. 1 at the City Office Building.

Present: Audrey Nelsen

Item No. 5 6th Street East Pedestrian Bridge (For Information Only)

Staff has received some concerns over the 6th Street pedestrian bridge crossing over the railroad. Presented to the Committee was the summary page of the 2015 MnDOT bridge inspection report which indicates the superstructure and substructure are in fair condition while the deck is in poor condition and unsound paint is at 90%. The Public Works Department has painted and performed minimal maintenance as needed over the years. The Committee discussed the need for the 6th Street pedestrian bridge with the upcoming Robbin Island Improvements. The Committee directed staff to get a quote from a structural engineer to evaluate and make the necessary repairs to the bridge. Staff was also asked to gather an accurate count for pedestrian use of the bridge.

Item No. 6 Sex Offender Housing (For Information Only)

Vice Chair Nelsen received a call from Chair Christianson indicating Attorney Tom Anderson, who was to speak on this matter, was not able to attend the meeting. The Committee directed staff to contact Attorney Tom Anderson to find out the details of this agenda item.

Item No. 7 Accept Project and Authorize Final Payment 1501-A (Resolution)

Staff brought forth, for approval, project 1501-A which was the reconstruction of Carolina Avenue SW, Swansson Green Field parking lot, 21st Street SW, Public Works lots, and City Hall alley. The final pay request is hereby submitted for consideration and staff is recommending final payment be made.

A motion was made by Council Member Ahmann, seconded by Council Member Johnson to accept project and authorize final payment to 1501-A. The motion carried.

Non-Agenda Items

Council Member Ahmann brought before the Committee his concern with the need for mosquito spraying. Staff informed the Committee the City plans to spray for mosquitos September 19th and 20th. The Public Works staff will also be spraying for Movies in the Park which is to be held on Friday, September 16th. This will be the sixth time the City has sprayed the entire City for mosquitos. Cost for chemical and labor is estimated to be \$5,000 for each full city spray.

Council Member Ahmann expressed his concerns with the need for storm water retention ponds. Staff informed the Committee there are projects in the 2017 proposed CIP that may provide relief for the Baker field pond area. Limited ditch cleanout is also proposed in the 2017 budget. Council Member Nelsen questioned how the Grass Lake project will affect the City. Staff suggested inviting Loren Engelby to a future meeting for an update on the Grass Lake project. Council Member Ahmann also brought up the Koosman Addition and how to prioritize storm water projects in that area. Staff informed the Committee that Ko