

## PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

The Public Works/Safety Committee of the Willmar City Council met on Tuesday, March 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: Director of Public Works Sean Christensen; Chief of Police Jim Felt; David Little, "West Central Tribune".

#### 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 were no public comments.

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

Police Chief Jim Felt noted the jail census for March 10, 2015 was 150; 72 inmates from the Department of Corrections, 76 inmates from Kandiyohi County, 1 inmate from Stearns County, and 1 inmate from Swift County. The calls for service for the previous two weeks totaled 655. The majority of the calls was for traffic stops, followed by public assists and abandoned vehicles. There have been a total of 3,030 calls for service in 2015 so far. It was discussed there are no foot patrol Officers unless designated for a short period of their shift. The process of towing abandoned vehicles was also discussed.

#### Item No. 4      Airport Sign (Resolution)

Staff presented a recommendation to construct an entrance sign at the Airport. Quotes were solicited, with one quote received from Quick Signs of Willmar. The quote details a double lighted sign with brick and block construction on a base pad to be provided by the Public Works Department. The total cost of the sign is quoted at \$15,417.00. The Committee questioned if the sign would include L.E.D. lighting, if there would be footings dug for the concrete pad, and the possibility of adding in the Willmar logo or advertising at a later date.

A motion was made by Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Plowman to approve the construction of an entrance sign at the Airport by Quick Signs of Willmar in the amount of \$15,417.00. The motion carried.

#### Item No. 5      Airport Update (Information)

Staff presented, for information purposes, the February report of the Willmar Municipal Airport Operations. The report details the operations and traffic through the facility, as compiled by the Airport Operations Supervisor. It was noted the Governor flew into the airport on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and the Airport did a great job preparing for his arrival.

Item No. 6      Public Works Update (Information)

Staff brought forth, for information purposes, the Public Works Department update. With the warmer weather upon us, the ice rinks have been discontinued for the season and Public Works staff has transitioned to spring cleanup. The aerators have been turned off on Willmar and Foot Lakes.

Miscellaneous Items

The Snow Emergency Ordinance was discussed for improvement on City efficiencies. The possibilities of a stop or yield sign in the intersections of 9<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Becker Avenue and Monongalia Avenue were discussed. The Committee requested the salt and sand usage for this winter season and overtime paid for snow removal. Road restrictions were discussed, with the effective date of March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed preventing traffic driving in Robbin's Island on the grass as the snow melts. The request for a grand opening ceremony for the Auditorium was noted, with the request to be given to the Project Manager.

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