PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alderman McPherson on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Street Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 104, of Shelton City Hall and led the group in a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present
Alderman McPherson, Chairman
Alderman Kudej

Also Present
Brian Roach – Assistant Superintendent Highway & Bridges
Alderman Anglace – President, Board of Aldermen

PUBLIC PORTION:
Alderman McPherson addressed the audience and let them know that they could come to the table to sit and discuss their issue with the committee.

Chris Teblit of 23 Woonsocket Avenue sat at the table and addressed the committee regarding the CT Post newspapers that are being thrown at residences homes and then ending up in the street.

Discussion:
Alderman McPherson welcomed Chris to the table and had him sign in for the record.
Chris Teblit: The thing I’m finding in my area is that the newspapers are beginning to pile up on peoples properties and ending up on the street. People get the newspaper, the CT Post, delivered and they have the mailboxes but they are not being used by the delivery guy and the papers are ending up in the street.

Alderman McPherson: are you referring to the throwing of the ad stuff out?

Chris Teblit: No, the regular CT Post Newspaper. People in the area have CT Post mailboxes but the newspaper is not being put in there. Why can’t the newspaper people use the boxes? The newspapers are thrown, ending up on the lawns, sitting there, collecting and looking ugly.

Alderman McPherson: The short term problem is that the paper companies just don’t care and their people are lazy. That’s really the bottom line of it. We have had a similar issue with it before and President Anglace had taken the lead on it with these flyers that are being thrown out onto properties, these inserts, those flyers that are no longer included in the regular newspaper. It’s a similar issue with these flyers. John can attest to it. John has contacted the Chamber of Commerce, both of the newspaper companies.

Alderman Anglace: The CT Post hires people to deliver these papers. CT Post threw my paper just as you said. They throw the paper in driveway, in the rain, the snow. I called them maybe ten times to tell them that I wanted the paper put into the receptacle, the mailbox, and they wouldn’t do it. They just wouldn’t do it. They said to me that they couldn’t make their delivery people do it. They told me that they told them and asked them but couldn’t make them do that. I told them I was going to unsubscribe from their service and no longer wanted delivery. For about three months after that, they continued to deliver the paper even though I wasn’t paying.

Chris Teblit: Yes, the thing I noticed too is that they are continuing to deliver to vacant houses and those papers are piling up.

Alderman McPherson: People are not canceling their subscriptions or moving it, forwarding when they leave and I think that’s part of the problem too.
Alderman Anglace: What we did was we said to them was, look, if you continue to do this we are going to fine you. We have an ordinance that prohibits them from doing that without the homeowner’s permission. They have to have the homeowner’s permission, then they can throw it but without the homeowners permission then they are guilty of litter. It’s littering. There is something like a $50.00 fine for each time. It got to the point where we got them here. We had to bring in the anti-litter committee. We have an anti-litter committee. Then we brought CT Post newspaper people in charge here with the city attorney, Mayor and we sat around the table and told them they had to cease and desist all these flyers. We told them about the thrown flyers, newspapers and that they were in violation of our ordinance. He said, “No I’m not” I told him that he was in violation and what it means is a $50.00 fine for each violation and interest and penalties. I told him we had been kind to them but we were going to be pursuing it. He told me that he would fight it and I told him to take his best shot. I told them that they had to stop it immediately and within 10 days or so it had stopped and the flyers are now being delivered in the mail again. They figured it out. With the newspapers, they think that have the homeowners permission to throw it so they continue to do it. So you have to first go on record. Call them, or better yet, put it in writing. Tell them to stop and if they don’t you can cite there is an ordinance and that if they don’t stop you’ll file a complaint with the police department. I tell them the newspaper people and the reporters, I want your paper, just put it in the receptacle. It’s not asking too much. That’s what you’re up against. We can give you the ordinance, a hard copy or you can find it in the city website and you can give the newspaper telling them it’s becoming litter.

Alderman McPherson: I would call the newspaper people and tell them that they are delivering to vacant homes and that the papers are piling up, blowing around and becoming litter now. We can give you the ordinance or you can look it up on the city website. I’m not sure of the exact number but it is there under littering if you search it.

Chris Teblit: Okay, thank you.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL
1.1 STREET COMMITTEE MEETING – December 5, 2017

Alderman Kudej MOVED to waive the reading and approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2017.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Full set of minutes can be found at www.cityofshelton.org.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 2017 UPDATE ON ROADS

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: This is to get an update on the 2017 Road repairs. What do you have for us?

Brian Roach: I have a handout here for you. This two page report has the information on the methods and mileage used as well as the list of the Shelton roads that we’ve worked on.

Alderman McPherson: Beautiful. Thank you Brian. Does this include costs too?

Brian Roach: No it does not have costs. The first page is the definition of our preservation techniques and the second page is roads that were done.

Alderman McPherson: On the roads here, were there many that needed a complete overhaul? Were we able to skate by?

Brian Roach: This past year wasn’t too bad. We did do all of behind City Hall, all of Little Fawn. We milled and paved that. As you can see there are quite a few more that are in a condition.

Alderman McPherson: What are the goals were for this coming year. What are the percentage?

Brian Roach: No, not yet. We are still working on it. We are compiling that list.

Alderman McPherson: It’s still in progress?

Brian Roach: Yes. We are working on it.

Alderman McPherson: I would like if you could take note to add to that Lower Brook Street over by the Boys & Girls club and I believe that other street there, Maple that crosses over- those two areas are shot and so heavily used by people. I would like to see that given a priority. Its’ so heavily used and is in a deplorable condition. It’s a small enough area and maybe you should be
able to do it in a half day or day. Unless they have to be completely ripped up but otherwise it shouldn’t take that long to do.

Alderman McPherson: I won’t ask for a number, you usually go by percentage.

Brian Roach: Yes, we use percentage but don’t have that yet because we are still going through them.

Alderman Anglace: You can tell Paul and put this on the record. Tell Paul that we are going to need the financial information. That’s important, we need to know how much is spent, if we can get it broken down by category. We need to know how much is spent and what is left.

Alderman McPherson: I have asked for it. Paul usually gets that for us.

Brian Roach: Paul will get that to you.

Alderman McPherson: We are going to need that now, especially as we are heading into the budget so that’s going to be a very busy time.

Alderman Anglace: You have probably done some work for the Board of Education too. I called Ernie because I was up there yesterday for a tour of the school system and the High School parking area is full of potholes and I said to Ernie that some of the holes are deep enough that they need to be patched. Use the cold patch there now.

Brian Roach: We had some cold patch done, especially that driveway.

Alderman Anglace: It was really bad.

Alderman McPherson: If we have to redo that lot it’s a whole chunk. If we can manage repairs.

Alderman Anglace: They are not asking us to do the whole thing. If we don’t do repairs they are going to need the entire thing done. The students pay a fee. They collect a fee from the students and the Board of Education uses that for security and stuff like that but we cover the costs for the buildings and the grounds so that’s our responsibility.

Alderman Kudej: Question on the roads that are being torn up by Gas Company. Are they going to be forced to do the whole road or just patch up what they tore up?

Brian Roach: Actually I am not sure if they have to do the whole road but they do have to maintain their trenches.

Alderman Kudej: They filled it in but you can see where they patched and it has dropped in and settled.

Brian Roach: If there’s any problems we contact them.

Alderman Kudej: Over Coram Road/Ave there, they are chopping it up.
Alderman McPherson: The city engineer is pretty good over there because they just did Coram Ave up there and they dug up a big patch and they hadn’t patched it up adequately enough so I contacted Bob and he got in touch with them to make sure they came out and fixe it to the way it should have been.

Brian Roach: They are pretty good about taking care of it, knowing what to do and doing it in a timely manner.

Alderman McPherson: If there’s nothing else on this we will just await the financial report from Paul. The sooner the better would be nice.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 ASHPHALT ISLANDS AT KNEEN & HOWE; HOWE AVENUE AT EXIT 14; POST OFFICE PARKING LOT; BOTTOM OF BROOKE 7 HOWE

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: I know we talked about these, again we don’t have an issue with the front half but again that back half which is just constantly broken up and in disrepair. We would actually like to see that part removed being kept and maintained. The one at the bottom of Brook Street, the suggestion we have is that one, if you’re going down Brook Street, towards Howe Avenue, that side of the island can maybe be cut back to allow for two lanes, one where you turn left and one to turn right

Brian Roach: We have discussed it with engineering and traffic division and neither one sees a purpose in removing

Alderman McPherson: We are not saying to remove the whole thing, we would like to have that one cut back where we can put in both a left & right turn lane. Coming down Brooks Street in the bottom, we would like to see that part to be widened. I think it would make for better use of the area and fixes up the area. We recommend this as a committee.

Brian Roach: I’ll discuss it with engineering again.

Alderman McPherson: Ok. I’ll discuss it with the traffic division and take it up with the chief again as well. I think it’s a good solution for that. I think up on Kneen if we just take out the back half that’s in disrepair, match the existing one it should be fine. The committee makes that recommendation as well. Hopefully we won’t have to have this item on the agenda again.

3.2 SUNSET DRIVE GUARD RAIL REQUEST

Discussion:
Alderman McPherson: I have yet to take this up with the traffic division and the Chief. I went out to look at this and at first I missed it. I said what are you talking about? But then we went and talked with the resident and having it explained we got a good sense of it and what they were talking about. Its people coming down Sunset and apparently it’s happened to them twice where in the winter cars have slid and took out their bushes.

Brian Roach: Over on the no name street.

Alderman McPherson: Yes, they are right on the corner of the no name street and Sunset.

Alderman Kudej: People who are not familiar with the area over there and do not see the turn there, they end up on top of it and try to make a quick turn there and then end up on top of it.

Alderman McPherson: We didn’t see it there at first but now we got the explanation of it where someone slid and went right over and took out their bushes. I think here a simple solution is for a small wooden fencing around that curb section there maybe a 10-15 foot section rail there. I think it would be pretty simple thing to do

Brian Roach: my concern, our concern there would be with liability to the city for bodily harm. Traffic division has no recorded accidents over there.

Alderman McPherson: Well in this case, there are just that, accidents but hasn’t hit another vehicle. Its personal property damage. I don’t think it needs a large rail, just something to address the immediate issue. They are not sliding all the way over, they are sliding over this little embankment and damaging their bushing. I think a quick solution to this. I will again take this up with the chief and the traffic division. I’m really recommending this as a committee

Brian Roach: Okay.

3.3 CORAL DRIVE STREET  
3.4 SPINNING WHEEL ROAD

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: These two items, 3.3 & 3.4 will not be discussed because we brought it up last month and it will be addressed when you do the roads in the spring. They will be on the agenda for next year.

Brian Roach: They are already on the list for next year.

3.5 CORAM AVENUS SIDEWALK PARKING

Discussion:
Alderman McPherson: This was interesting with the Coram Avenue sidewalk parking. We had people out here at the last meeting to talk about it and this is over in the area in front of St. Joe’s church.

Brian Roach: Yes, I remember that.

Alderman McPherson: There’s no curb over in that area there so now people are parking on the sidewalk. I have spoken with the PD and think tickets should be issued but they haven’t. Why? I really don’t know, I would thing once you got a ticket or had your car towed it would be a deterrent but there hasn’t been any. My thought was to see if we could raise the curbing there, the other problem is the slope there so that’s another part of the problem.

Brian Roach: The curbing would have to be up to the State because it’s their section of Road.

Alderman McPherson: Could you guys contact the State to get that looked into and have something done? Because they are the ones who lowered the curb when they did the road over there. There is an area there where it gets water over there with any heavy rain and so hopefully the state will be cooperative and deal with that issue and hopefully this item won’t have to be on the agenda again either.

3.6 RIVERVIEW AVENUE (DEAD END)

Discussion:

Alderman McPherson: This item, Riverview Avenue (dead end). This came from Ed Conklin, the ZBA Chairman, had come to me with it. There’s new development coming in there and because we have city property there at the end of it so they are looking to add a small cul-de-sac which would improve things on that part of the street.

Brian Roach: It’s a small tight road that will need space for the city trucks to turn around.

Alderman McPherson: It will be difficult for city trucks to get in there and turn around. I thought Paul was going to look into this process.

Brian Roach: Yes, we discussed either a small cul-de-sac or hammerhead. I honestly don’t know what we can do yet until the builder’s responsibilities are done and what their plans are.

Alderman McPherson: I understand that the developer was responsible and that he would have to make improvements to the road. I don’t know what’s at the end. Are they building more? There is a large area of chain link fence.

Brian Roach: I’m not sure.
Alderman Kudej: It’s dangerous for emergency vehicles so we need some kind of turn around area.

Alderman McPherson: It’s dangerous for any vehicle to have to back out of the road. I wouldn’t advocate for anything enormous or anything like that, just something large enough for the vehicles to maneuver around. I know this will take follow up.

Brian Roach: It will.

Alderman McPherson: It will and it’s going to take some going back and forth so we will keep it on the agenda under old business for updates

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN- none presented.

5. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alderman McPherson: Does anyone else have anything they want to add before I go onto the next item that I want to discuss?

Alderman Kudej: Brian, I know you guys use the area over at Riverview Park near the Little League field to dump the excess snow.

Brian Roach: Yes, by the basketball court.

Alderman Kudej: Yes, it leaves a mess and I would like to make sure that they dress it up after clearing out the area because you have little kids, mostly, playing there.

Brian Roach: Okay.

Alderman McPherson: I’m just going to go into the trash ordinance okay Brian? I had a lengthy conversation with Paul this morning on the ordinance. I have made it very clear to him that this ordinance is coming back because it has been overlooked, to be honest with you it is a waste, it’s not effective. I had an email with Ernie about a resident complaint I received and I was not appreciative of his response. I’m not going to get into detail with it but I’m not very happy with it. I expect a constituents concern to be addressed and I don’t want to be appeased. I discussed this with Paul and then Paul brought something up and then I bring up 890 Howe Avenue. I have received resident complaints, up to 8 calls at least about it that I am aware of. Because the receptacles are not being brought in and the ordinance is very clear that the receptacle has to be removed by a certain time or there will be a fine. This is numerous. No fines are issued, not one single fine has been issued since this ordinance was enacted. I use to get the lists and see the violations but not once has a fine been given. When the director wanted this I was very clear that there should be one courtesy letter and then the fine. We discussed this again, the nonsense of the numerous violations that are happening and yet nothing is being done about them. A violation is a violation. I also wanted in the original ordinance that a percentage of interest be added. To me this is weak and ineffective. He asked me to explain the weakness,
which I did. I also have an issue with those that were grandfathered in. I didn’t think it should have been done. Complexes with 6 or more units are a business and should be required to have a dumpster just like the Longhorn. They are a business and have to have a dumpster, these units are a business. I informed him that we need to amend this and enforce it. We are going to bring it back with some changes and the director needs to get on board with it. I’m clearly not happy with it. My responsibilities are to answer to the residents and not to be appeased.

Alderman Anglaco: Who’s got to take the action? If you got receptacles not being removed those need to be addressed. If the ordinance is there and there are violations then have it addressed. Have the department of public works have an outline and get it taken care of.

Alderman McPherson: We have to take action, the street committee. That’s exactly what I plan to do. I will have it added to the agenda for the committee and we will make changes.

REPORTS:
A. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
B. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES
C. CITY ENGINEER
D. STREET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Kudej made a motion to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Street Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vivian Kudej

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Report to Street Committee:

The combined effect of traffic and the environment will cause pavements to deteriorate over time. Although maintenance can slow the rate of deterioration it cannot stop it. With 216 miles of roads in Shelton this is an issue that will never go away and will always need to be addressed. In 2017 several types of pavement preservation methods were used to address this issue. The method and mileage are listed in this report below.

**Chip Sealing (21.65 miles)** is the process of spraying emulsified asphalt on the road and dropping a layer of aggregate on the liquid asphalt then rolling over it to set the aggregate into the asphalt. This provides a new wearing course and seals small cracks to prevent water from penetrating into the road base. A fog seal was applied over this as an added layer of protection and to lock the aggregate in place.

**Micro surfacing (2.46 miles)** is a mix of highly modified asphalt emulsion, polymers, mineral aggregate, mineral filler, water, and other additives, which are proportioned, mixed, and spread on a paved roadway at a specified thickness. This thin overlay provides a new asphalt surface and prolongs the pavement structure life. This technique was used on Commerce Dr. and the north side of Meadow St.

**Crack Sealing (5.49 miles)** is the filling of moderately sized cracks with hot liquid rubberized asphalt material. This seal the cracks in the road surface and reduces the amount of moisture entering the subsurface layers and thus extends the pavement life.

**Milling and Paving (2.96 miles)** removing a layer of existing pavement and replacing it with an overlay is very effective for pavements that are deteriorated, but not to the point that a reconstruction treatment is required. This method is usually done by a private contractor or when the need is immediate, by the Highway Dept.

In addition, 7.1 miles of road where shimmed and leveled in anticipation to be chip sealed next year. We are presently working with the Director, the Mayor’s Office and the Engineering Dept. with a list of recommended streets for 2018.

George Stachowicz
Highway Superintendent
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