

MINUTES of the Fire Station Building Committee  
Wednesday November 3, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members present:	Councilor Martin Pepin, Chairman Councilor David Witham, Vice Chairman Citizen Representative Paul Robidas
Committee Member absent/excused:	Councilor Kenneth Vincent
Staff Members present:	Bob Belmore, City Manager Scott Smith, Finance Director Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk George Kramlinger, Fire Chief Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director Amber Hall, City Engineer
Public present:	Kelly Davis, Port One Architects Kyle Zorawowicz, Harvey Construction

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Chairman Martin Pepin called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

***Mr. Robidas made a motion to approve minutes from September 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 3-0.***

WAIVE THE WINTER MORATORIUM FOR UTILITY POLE INSTALLATION (Chapter 12)

Mr. Davis stated he held a Zoom call with Manager Belmore and other staff to discuss the need to waive the construction moratorium in order to move a utility pole near the construction site. He said the pole has already been moved and there is no need to waive the moratorium.

DISCUSS THE WATER LINE INSTALL (WATER ORDINANCE, Chapter 32)

Mr. Davis stated he held a Zoom call with Manager Belmore and other staff to discuss a water line that needs to be installed. The construction manager for the project informed Mr. Davis that the change order would be roughly \$40k and discussed options to run the line out towards the National Guard building, rather than going up to Maple Street. The problem Mr. Davis explained with going towards Maple Street is that the line is deeper and requires a longer water line. The question is whether to look for alternatives or accept the \$40k change order.

Director Smith informed the Committee that what is at issue is the original design of the water connections were to run the water line for the fire sprinklers and then tap that line and run the domestic line off of it. This is not allowed under our Water Ordinance. The concern is the water in the sprinkler stays stagnant and could backflow into the domestic line and contaminate it. To do this the Council would need to waive this requirement of the Water Ordinance.

Councilor Witham stated he is not in favor of waiving this and agrees with keeping our current standards. Manager Belmore said staff will work with the Construction Manager and see if we can run the domestic and sprinkler water lines from a different direction and hopefully find a more cost-effective solution. Staff will report back to the Committee on this.

Mr. Davis said he would be discussing the water line design with the construction manager and should have some alternatives for staff review in a few days.

***Councilor Witham made a motion to waive the construction moratorium for any construction related to the new Fire station. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robidas and passed 3-0.***

#### UPDATE TO SITE LOGISTICS PLAN

Mr. Davis stated he has been asked about using a portion of the National Guard site, specifically an area close to the Little League Field, to use as staging for equipment and materials. The Committee reached a consensus to allow this.

Mr. Davis also stated that a September examination of three test pits on site have produced trace amounts of PFAS chemicals. To get the full extent, his plan is to grid the entire property to narrow down the location. He stated results of the samples should be received by early next week. Mr. Davis explained how the dirty soils could still be used on site, however, he recommends not transporting them due to the high cost of solid waste disposal. Councilor Witham inquired about timeline given the new circumstance. Kyle explained that the materials can still be used to support the foundation and they are looking into whether or not the building can be lifted a few inches to account for a larger amount of soil underneath. He added that the timeline is still the same. Mr. Davis stated that he has started receiving, reviewing, and accepting submittals for doors, hardware, plumbing, etc. for approval.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Manager Belmore stated he has a draft agreement for the Little League group. He said once complete he would distribute to the Committee before going to Council for a vote to approve.

#### ADJOURN

***Mr. Robidas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk