

City of Franklin
Quarry Monitoring Committee Meeting
March 28, 2013
Minutes

Approved as
Amended
April 24, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilhelm called the March 28, 2013 regular Quarry Monitoring Committee meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Hearing Room at Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Aldermen Schmidt and Wilhelm, and Members Shore and Knueppel. Also present was Planning Manager Dietl.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular meeting of February 28, 2013.

Alderman Schmidt moved and Member Knueppel seconded approval of the February 28, 2013 minutes of the regular meeting of the Quarry Monitoring Committee as amended at Item III. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Citizen Comment period was opened at 6:36 p.m. Le Roy Lewandowski, 8030 West Winston Way, mentioned that at the last meeting he had noted that quarries should be under the public nuisance law. He believes that they are a public nuisance. Alderman Wilhelm suggested he contact the City Attorney and requested staff also contact the City Attorney for clarification. No other citizens came forward. The Citizen Comment period was closed at 6:39 p.m.

IV. HEARINGS

- a. None.

No action needed. None taken.

V. BUSINESS

Alderman Wilhelm suggested, and the Committee members concurred, to discuss Items V.d. and V.e. first and concurrently.

- a. Discussion of a proposed status report to the Common Council regarding the Quarry Monitoring Committee's activities to date and possible upcoming activities.

Planning Manager Dietl noted that the Mayor had requested a status report on the Committee's activities be provided at the Common Council's April 2nd meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Dietl include the latest information about the long-term monitoring contract, the Committee's recommendation, Stantec's position on certain changes, the status of the awaiting contractor data, and the handheld dust monitoring device at that meeting.

- b. Status of educational information for the City website, newsletter, and cable access channel related to the quarries.

Planning Manager Dietl noted he will prepare a summary of the City website's quarry monitoring related information for the City newsletter and cable access channel, for the Committee's next meeting.

- c. Follow up on requested documents for the continued review of current quarry monitoring related activities, including the quarries Fugitive Dust Control Plans, the quarries air opacity monitoring methods, and related state and federal regulations and standards.

The Committee reviewed the Dust Control Plan's of Vulcan Materials and Payne & Dolan.

Alderman Wilhelm noted a discrepancy in Vulcan's plan, pertaining to a reference to 0% opacity on page 21, but to 20% opacity on page 19, and suggested that the discrepancy be reviewed.

The Committee commented that street sweeping should be done twice a day, preferably once during the heaviest trucking volume and then once when the quarries are done for the day.

The Committee indicated staff should note during the Status Report to the Common Council that the Department of Natural Resource's standards may be different than the Planned Development District's, such as the DNR's requirement that truck loads be covered.

The Committee generally commented that Vulcan's dust control efforts appear to be better than Payne & Dolan's efforts.

It was generally agreed to bring the Vulcan and Payne & Dolan materials to the next Committee meeting for further discussion. Alderman Wilhelm noted that most of the rest of this item and information in the handouts appear to pertain to issues inside the quarries. Due to limited monitoring funds, focusing on monitoring impacts leaving the quarry area would also assist with keeping funding within the available limits.

- d. Review of the additional and supplemental information provided by Stantec Consulting Services Inc. that will be used in establishing the cost and recommendations for a quarry monitoring contract on behalf of the City.

Alderman Wilhelm, with the use of the dry eraser board, identified where it appears many if not most of the complaints originate from; primarily from south of the quarry, and secondarily from east of the quarry. The Committee members concurred and discussed the types of complaints, dust alone, blasting alone, or both.

Alderman Wilhelm then suggested, and the Committee members generally concurred, that monitoring of the quarry focus primarily upon impacts that could affect those areas, such as blast and dust issues/monitoring south and east of the quarry and dust issues/monitoring north of the quarry along Rawson Avenue.

Discussion occurred about the next step after the Committee agrees upon a recommendation for long-term monitoring. Planning Manager Dietl noted the recommendation must be forwarded to the Common Council for their consideration and action.

Alderman Wilhelm then reviewed the information from Stantec with the Committee. It was generally agreed that seven weeks of blast monitoring should be undertaken, along with one month of air quality monitoring and two meetings between the City and the consultant.

Significant discussion occurred on the site visits, including consideration of changes to the specific tasks. It was generally agreed that the site visits should focus primarily on off-site dust issues such as dust on Rawson Avenue, including videos of any dust sightings and how the Planned Development District regulations do or do not address Rawson Avenue dust concerns, and secondarily upon stormwater control and management including its impact upon the Root River. In recognition that offsite impacts are important to the surrounding neighborhood, and to reduce costs, the Committee generally agreed that such site visits are related to review and analysis of ground vibration, air blasts, noise, onsite dust control, and the other tasks identified by the consultant.

Item V.d. continued

The Committee also generally agreed that with such changes to its specific tasks, that the site visits should cost substantially less, possibly half the cost. It was also suggested, that if necessary, a meeting could be held with Stantec to go over these changes and any other issues. The Committee generally agreed on 28 site visits at a total cost of \$14,000. Together with the aforementioned blast and air quality monitoring, the Committee agreed that such monitoring would cost approximately \$35,700.

Motion by Member Knueppel, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, to recommend to the Common Council a 1 year contract with Stantec Consulting Services for \$34,700 to include 7 weeks of blast monitoring, 1 month of air quality monitoring and 28 days of site visits, with a report to be provided at the end of the 1 year contract, and that the Committee also asks that consideration be given to the fact that the recommended contract amount is less than the \$42,000 currently budgeted for this purpose, and that the Committee may request additional funding up to the currently budgeted amount for the Greenlight System or other such similar handheld dust monitoring device, training, or related purposes if research supports its function and cost savings, later this year. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

The Committee asked staff to contact Stantec immediately to obtain their support of the proposed site visit task and cost changes, and if possible to forward the Committee's recommendation to the next Common Council meeting.

- e. Continued discussion of possible future quarry monitoring methods such as use of video cameras and available training courses.

Member Knueppel provided a summary of the online research he had conducted on hand-held dust monitoring devices, particularly one by Greenlight System. He noted that such a monitoring device would be very beneficial to the City and/or the consultant in monitoring dust levels in real time; and its data being available very quickly. Additional discussion occurred about such a dust monitor's usefulness to the City's monitoring efforts, possible contract cost savings, possible use in a fixed location, leasing vs. own, training needs and opportunities, etc.

The Committee generally concurred that this possibility should be brought to the Common Councils attention.

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

On general consensus it was agreed that the next scheduled meeting of the Quarry Monitoring Committee will be Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., or at the call of the Chairman.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Member Shore moved and Member Knueppel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.