#### City of Montello

(SPECIAL)

#### Public Works Meeting

7/24/2017

6:30 P.M.

**Call to Order: Ken Streich Time: 6:30**

**Members Present: Frank Breitenbach, Karlene Utke, Ken Streich, Ron Weiss**

**Members Absent: Barb Barton, Venise Mugler**

**Others Present: Carol Streich, Daryl Christiansen**

Motion by Weiss/Breitenbach to move Item #2 under Old Business to top. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

1. Underwood Ave Green Space Project
	* Carol Streich is planning on donating the land to the Historical Society. Discussion with Carol about city’s idea to make a greenspace, during upcoming road project the state would do 80/20 split on greenspace if done. Carol wants the Historical Society to have elevator & parking that they need. Discussion on size of land, ideas, how much space would be needed by historical society. Daryl Christiansen spoke about elevator & parking: talking with bank about parking. Discussion on greenspace: would it get used. Konke stated committee did not want to see empty space & had opportunity for beautification of city. Grant money only available if city owns the land. Discussion on how much land DOT will be using, consulted maps & drawings. Discussion on parking stalls & dependency on bank allowing access. Daryl stated the bank wanted to wait until after this meeting to make a decision. More discussion on parking and greenspace options. Kohnke stated Quest wants to have final drawings by the end of the year – they need answer from city. Discussion city owning lot, but Historical Society having use of it during events. Discussion on working together – depending whether or not bank grants easement. Will keep in touch.
2. Road Maintenance schedule
* Kohnke asked about changing name of this to something more specific. Mayor Doudna spoke about Premiere Resort Area Tax & City Sales Tax – discussion on these options vs. wheel tax. Weiss feels sales tax will not generate amount needed for roads, but good idea, could be in addition to wheel tax. Sales tax wouldn’t be only affecting citizens, tourists would also pay. Discussion of wheel tax vs property tax: wheel tax would be specifically for roads/infrastructure. Discussion on time frame. Discussion on how much revenue a wheel tax would provide. Discussion on condition of roads – Mayor stated all is coming to a head because things haven’t been able to be taken care of for previous years. Breitenbach stated in the past money was saved, but things were not fixed. Utke felt things were getting done in the past. Kohnke stated 30-40 years ago roads were good & taken care, but minimal has been done since then. Discussion on changes: money from state is less, prices are up, roads have weight limits, etc. Weiss stated economy is getting better now & now is the time to implement something like this. Mayor asked how much funds would be ideal: Kohnke stated in order to get everything on schedule: 1.2 million. In 2018, without paving, the scheduled road maintenance would cost approximately 72 thousand. Discussion on schedule. Discussion on money from state and pacer ratings. Discussion on city sales tax and school and county taxes. Will get more information on city sales tax & premiere resort area tax for next special meeting.

**New Business**: None

### Citizen Comments: None

Next Meeting: August 10th, 2017

**Next Special Meeting:** August 31st, 2017

**Motion to adjourn by Utke/Weiss. Motion carried at 7:38 pm**