

**COUNTY-CITY COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors / City of Superior Common Council**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 3:00 p.m., Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse**  
**1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Co-chair Mark Liebaert.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mark Liebaert, Jim Paine, Douglas Finn, Keith Kern, Keith Allen, Tylor Elm, Nick Baker, Jack Sweeney. Others present – Shelley Nelson, Kyle Backstrom, Ryan O’Gara, Geoff Strack, Dan Dudley, Keith Kesler, Bill Downs, Ruth M. Ludwig, Darienne McNamara, Nicholas Alexander, Jean Vito, Jason Serck, Chris Bronson, Ann Doucette, Jane Anklam, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Baker, second Kern, to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

**PARKING AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON GOVERNMENT CENTER/COURTHOUSE PROPERTY:** Congested parking leaves minimal, if any, spots open for area businesses, residential property owners and courthouse/government center visitors. Extra lot created on 13<sup>th</sup> Street added 30 additional parking spaces, but issues still exist. 2016 parking study was conducted in summer when many people are gone; study not an accurate representation of other season parking. An ordinance to enforce parking on county lots does not currently exist. Committee to consider short-term, low cost fixes until a long-term solution is found.

**COUNTY/CITY PARTNERSHIPS:**

**City Forest Management:** Douglas County Forestry Department experienced in forest management could manage city forest. City Municipal Forest currently under Charter Ordinance which must be amended; first step is to create Forest Management Plan by releasing a Request for Proposals. Both city and county interested in the fiscal and ecological benefits of a well-managed forest.

**Wetland Mitigation:** In-lieu of fee program for wetland mitigation submitted to Corps of Engineers by Douglas County has been halted. Program one of the first of its kind, particularly at county level. Program allows money to be collected up front for credits with the county required to mitigate within three years. City would also benefit when acres for wetland mitigation are needed; assistance from city needed to help push program approval. 25% of Wisconsin wetland acres are in Douglas County. City employees involved with wetland mitigation willing to meet with Douglas County and Corps of Engineers to pursue advancement of program.

**Landfill:** Closure of landfill due to maximum capacity estimated to be 2024. Acreage available for expansion, but 95% is wetland. Correspondence from DNR regarding wetland use for expansion requires detailed plans, which are expensive. Cost of use to consumers could increase if garbage requires transport away from area. SKB Environmental only company to submit original offer to purchase; still has interest in purchase with ability to negotiate. WLSSD contract in place through closure of landfill; collection of its garbage important to maintain

landfill production. City to revisit negotiations with SKB Environmental and refer a decision to City Council. Douglas County to begin involvement once city takes position on deal.

**ACTION:** Motion by Allen, second Finn, to pursue landfill negotiations. Motion carried.

**MEETING DATES/TIME:** Meetings will be held on an as needed basis.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Allen, second Elm, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk