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Granite Pavers Sale a Success

60%-70% of Surplus Granite Pavers Sold

The City of Milwaukee held a sale of surplus granite paving bricks (pavers) – great for patios, walks and landscaping projects – at the Department of Public Works’ field headquarters facility at 3850 N. 35th St. last Saturday. **Alderman Robert J. Bauman**, chair of the Common Council’s Public Works Committee, said the city made the reclaimed bricks available for sale for re-use “because it was the right thing to do.”

This was a first-ever sale of “Milwaukee Pavers” for city residents only. The pavers, weighing 15-35 pounds each, were priced at \$1 each. The quantity of surplus pavers sold was limited, and all buyers were required by DPW to submit an application by July 3, sign a release of liability holding the city harmless in case of injury or accident in the process of purchasing the pavers, and show an ID confirming their city residency.

The sale went smoothly as planned, with only minor problems related to the way stations were set up. Overall, 32 people took advantage of this sale by purchasing 7,959 bricks bringing in a gross income of \$7,959 for the city. However, not all of the surplus granite bricks were sold. The city went through 60%-70% of the granite pavers that were on hand. It is unknown yet if the city will be getting more of the granite pavers and future uses of pavers by DPW need to be evaluated before having another sale such as this one.

The program grew out of a resolution sponsored by Alderman Bauman about 18 months ago that directed DPW to salvage pavers when streets are reconstructed. He was curious to see if he was part of the minority in this program, believing that this would be a successful sale, and as it turns out he was part of the majority. Alderman Bauman said, “I am glad so many residents seemed to agree that these pavers have an aesthetic and environmental value and that the sale was a success.”