

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JULY 17, 2019

The public works committee met on July 17, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairman Gould, Alderman Hughes, Alderman Sharp, Alderman Bredeman, Alderman Jenkins, Mayor White, Superintendent Sutherland, City Engineer Coulter, Office Manager Passage

Chairman Gould called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman Jenkins addressed the committee regarding the city code section 98-57 Discontinuance of service for failure to pay charges. He stated a citizen had contacted him regarding this issue and he did not believe it was fair to have a new owner of a property pay a sellers bill. A discussion ensued. Mayor White stated that the issue should be between the buyer and seller of the property. Office Manager Passage stated that the section of the code stated that if the ownership of property transfer to another party, all rights and responsibilities as described in this section regarding the payment of bills are transfers to the new owners. Alderman Hughes stated that a lien should have been filed. After discussion, the consensus Of the committee was to have Alderman Jenkins contact the citizen and have them work with seller of the property. Alderman Jenkins stated that should the conflict not be resolved it would come back to committee.

HIGH USAGE WAIVERS

Nothing to report

SIDEWALK PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Office Manager Passage stated that Mr. Truitt is in the audience regarding his sidewalk Applications for 310 Second and 116 Second.

Mayor White exited the meeting. Engineer Coulter explained why the sidewalk at at 310 Second would not be allowed. A discussion was held regarding there not being enough space from the road for the sidewalk requested at 310 second and there was a drainage area next to said sidewalk. The consensus of the committee was to deny the 310 Second application. A discussion was held regarding the application from Mr. Truitt at 116 second. Engineer Coulter stated that there is enough room to place the sidewalk away from the roadway. Mr. Truitt requested a waiver of the rule requiring a five foot wide sidewalk and the rule regarding when a structure was built (1989).A discussion was held regarding waiving the requirement of a five foot wide sidewalk and the rule regarding when a structure was built (1989). After discussion, the consensus of the committee was to recommend approval of the application with both waivers.

Scott Hemstreet asked to speak regarding his sidewalk at his properties located at 120 and 130 Second as they are between Mr. Truitt's properties. He stated that he would like to also put sidewalk in at his two properties and one would be residential and one would be commercial and he also would need both the waivers.

A discussion ensued regarding the drainage area between the Truitt property and the Hemstreet property, as to if a sidewalk or walkway could be placed there. The Mayor re-entered the meeting.

The committee directed Mr. Hemstreet to complete his applications and submit them for the next meeting and the City Engineer will discuss with him as to where his sidewalk would go to connect to the sidewalk to the south of his property.

CITY SIDEWALK (GRANT) UPDATE

Office Manager Passage reported that we are waiting on the Grant Agreement paperwork from the State. Once we receive the paperwork and the agreement is signed then we can proceed with having the engineer prepare the specifications and bid the project. We have until June of 2020 to complete the project.

STREET LIGHTS – BENEDICT BRIDGE

Office Manager Passage presented information from the city engineer showing that the cost to place a street light by the Benedict Street bridge is approximately \$36,650.00 plus an additional monthly charges for the luminaire and energy usage. The estimate is based on bringing power to the bridge from Hart Lane, not from the south. Chairman Gould requested that we give the cost estimate to Alderman Braun so he can share it with the citizens who requested the light.

NEW CONTRACTOR – TREES

Superintendent Sutherland advised the committee the Poignant Tree Service has not responded to his calls to advise them they were approved to remove ten trees for the city of Chillicothe. He said he has obtained another proposal from Rick Hamm, dba New View in the amount of \$9,000.00. He stated this is \$2,550.00 more than Poignant Tree Service. Alderman Hughes stated that the new contractor should have workers compensation insurance. Superintendent Sutherland stated he will check with the City Clerk as she does have the insurance certificate to make sure it includes workers compensation. The consensus of the committee was to recommend approval to Rick Hamm, dba New View to remove the trees at a cost of \$9,000.00.

PROJECT UPDATE

City Engineer Coulter explained to the committee that Beech Street overlay would require a flag man for the railroad or we would have to stop 2500 feet back. He stated that if we remove Beech street this year from the overlay we could do all the streets that connect to the railroad

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next year and only have one fee. A discussion ensued and the consensus of the committee was to remove Beech Street from the 2019 overlay program.

The City Engineer reported contacted residents on Pine Street near Santa Fe Ave where there is existing shoulder. He let them know that if they wanted to have the shoulder paved they should submit payment in advance to City Hall. The estimated amount was \$1200 for the western portion and \$800 for the eastern portion.

The City Engineer reported that he is reviewing the OSF plan.

OLD BUSINESS

310 Hickory – Sidewalk/drainage – Superintendent Sutherland reported that this has been completed. This can be removed from the agenda.

SUMMARY

Council Agenda Items – Sidewalk Program Application

Tree Removal

Committee Action – Nothing

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Dennis Gould
Chairman