

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 24, 2010
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Matt Kadow
Jim Brey
Allan Schema

STAFF PRESENT

Valerie Mellon
Greg Minikel
Kim Lynch

OTHERS

Raymond and Ruth Ahl
1143 S Alverno Road
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MEMBERS ABSENT

None

Approval of the Minutes from 5/10/10

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2010 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

1143 S. Alverno Road - resident with steep ditches

The Ahl's wrote a letter to the Mayor regarding their deeply sloped ditches from recent culvert clean-out and re-ditching project. Their letter requested repairs to be done in order to make the area easier to mow.

G. Minikel explained the history of how/why this re-ditch originated due to drainage issues and involvement with the Railroad and the history of ditching on rural sections located within city limits.

V. Mellon talked about a couple of options the DPW could do and the associated costs. Placing and burying about 60 feet of pipe would cost about \$3000, while re-sloping the ditch and a portion of their private property was about \$900. She was not in favor of the enclosed ditch alternative due to the cost(public funds)and surface water not having anywhere to go.

The Ahl's were present and shared their view of the situation with the Committee. They are aging and are having a very hard time cutting the steep ditch. They said they don't feel comfortable hiring someone to take on the dangerous task since the ditch is so steep. They are in favor of the pipe being placed.

A. Schema made a point that the pipe could potentially freeze since it can not be buried deep enough, debris could accumulate and jetting that distance of pipe could be difficult and costly. He suggested placing a weed barrier with rip rap placed on top. The Committee liked this idea and asked V Mellon to get a cost estimate. With this option, there would be minimal weed maintenance in the future.

This issue will be brought back to the Committee on June 14, 2010.

Proposed Public Works Projects and New Sidewalk Program for 2011

M Kadow told the Committee that he elected not to do the rating due to vague instructions and didn't feel comfortable making judgment calls regarding pavement conditions in order to prioritize capital projects.

G Minikel explained the PASER system. It is a rating system of all streets in the city and is used to create the 5-year plan. The system generates a priority report for aid in creating the plan. There is also subsurface and sewer conditions to consider. G Minikel and V Mellon explained how excess costs occur when delayed treatment to the pavement allow it to deteriorate too far for maintenance alone. Total reconstruction costs five times as much as diamond grinding and patching.

D Soeldner recognizes the importance for the need to fix the roads, however is struggling with the financial situation of the city. He is concerned that the mileage of roads is increasing rapidly as opposed to the population which has seemed to have been perpetually flat.

The Committee and City staff proceeded to rate the proposed projects to be constructed in 2011. D Soeldner will tally the results and discussion will resume at the next meeting.

Some highlighted points that were made:

- North 8th Street - Waldo to Magnolia is an arterial of the north side.
- Waldo Blvd - N 23rd to Fleetwood was ranked high for reconstruction with the exception from J Sladky who feels maintenance should be delayed until complete reconstruction is funded with state or federal dollars.
- Dewey Street - S 10th to S 18th is getting busier with it being the South side East/West link especially for commercial purposes and the carferry.
- Storm and Sanitary sewer projects were not ranked because they are driven by the streets being reconstructed.
- The majority of the Committee didn't rank Stormwater projects very high, but realizes that they are mandated costs. A Schema, D Soeldner and G Minikel ranked them high due to the mandates.
- The Committee questioned the status of the cost and alternatives of the washbay for the street sweepers. This issue will be discussed in the future when more information is available for discussion.
- Broadway and Rapids intersection improvements are 90/10 funded by HSIP funding. The County committed to contributing \$5000 and the City needs to commit \$5000 as well. As a result of the funding, a report on the feasibility of a roundabout needs to be

developed. However, since there would be a need to purchase all four corner properties to allow for the construction of a roundabout, the evaluation will likely show that it is not feasible.

- A Schema pointed out that sidewalks are important to him for the public safety of children, bikers, and pedestrians.

J Sladky stated that he would be inclined to put more projects into the request for bonded projects. He stated that the Mayor will need to take a bigger role in selecting what projects will be funded in the 2011 budget.

A Schema suggested that in the future the proposed projects document should include a justification section and include photos for why the project is proposed.

39th Street Sanitary Sewer Connection

The Committee suggested that the Engineering Department make the decision using standards they have always used. The Committee agreed with the Engineering Department's decision that an inside drop should not be allowed. The Committee also agreed that the developer should pay for the cost of the development to be constructed as proposed in the site plan.

General Conditions to Standard Specifications for Public Work

V. Mellon told the Committee that the General Conditions have been updated by Engineering staff and the guidance of the Attorney's office.

A motion was made to approve the updated General Conditions; however J Sladky asked if the motion could be delayed because he did not have a chance to review the document. The motion was rescinded. This item should be brought back to the next meeting.

DPW - Mid-Summer Brush Pickup

The Committee would like V Mellon to follow-up with the Committee regarding the number of brush violation letters and billings from the Spring Cleanup. (137 letters with 2 billings).

D Soeldner clarified for the new members that residents need to have their brush put out by the first day of the pickup. The crews will not go back to pickup an area they have already gone past. If brush were remaining, that would precipitate a violation letter with a \$100 billing if the brush was not removed by the property owner within the allotted amount of time.

J Sladky made a motion to approve the Mid-Summer Brush Pickup. A Schema seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Traffic Signal Issues

V Mellon told the Committee she had a meeting with the City Electrician. His duties include the operation and maintenance of the traffic signals.

Some traffic controllers are more than 30 years old and the conflict monitors are also aging. The City should not take a risk of failure of these components and should start looking at a maintenance program or 5-year plan to start upgrading traffic signals. The City's current policy is to just make repairs when needed. There will be a need for money to be budgeted for a maintenance program.

V Mellon updated the Committee on the status of the EECBG monies that the city will be receiving to change out all the signal lights to LEDs. According to the City Electrician, the City will spend only 1/10 of the energy costs that are currently being expended.

D Soeldner asked if the City Electrician could put together a maintenance program plan for their review.

Other Discussions

V Mellon reported that the number of street sweeping parking ban tickets are going down, however still too high overall. The east side of the City is where the majority of the tickets are being issued. This is an area that is more dense of population.

G Minikel updated the Committee about the 21st Street Viaduct project and the coordination with the Railroad.

J Sladky was wondering about the status of the flooding issue on Last Court. The Engineering Department will look into what the status is and report back to the Committee.

J Brey made the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., A Schema seconded the motion.



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