

AUGUST 24, 2020
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Chair Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, Casey Langan and Sarah Braun. Also present were Mayor Chris Lund, City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser and Cedar Corporation Engineer Bill Betzig.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, August 21, 2020 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Burdick/Langan motion to approve the July 16, 2020 Public Works Committee minutes as amended passed, all voted in favor.

A Langan/Braun motion to move agenda item #5 Consider South Main Street Design before agenda #4 Consider sidewalk installation on Lord Street passed on a 3/0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER SOUTH MAIN STREET DESIGN: The City is required to have two citizen input meetings to solicit citizen input about the project. Due to COVID-19 limitations, a virtual version of the first meeting was completed. Betzig reviewed the public comments (see attached).

Peter Johnson, 729 S Main Street, is not in favor of the speed tables. He feels this would be an issue for commercial and agriculture vehicles, emergency response time, and snow plowing. It would create additional noise when the vehicles are slowing down.

Roger Schieldt, 602 S Main St, is in favor of no parking on South Main Street due to the traffic increase over the past three years. He is concerned about losing a significant portion of the terrace.

Donald Kersten, 507 S Main St, is concerned about water issues in the backyards and basements.

Dean Johnson, 409 S Main St, is not in favor of the speed tables.

Chris Lund, 306 Terrace Ct, recommended residents explore the options to replace water/sewer laterals and burying utility lines during the project. Residents would coordinate the work with utility companies and private contractors.

Betzig stated the plan includes installation of additional storm sewers in the area to increase drainage from the backyards. The minimum terrace in the project will be 5 feet.

Langan inquired if this was the first designated bike lane in Edgerton. Flanigan indicated it is the first striped bike lane, but not the first bike route. Betzig said since the project is part of the County bike route, it is required to be included in the project. Braun stated residents have reached out about adding bike routes throughout the City and feels it will be beneficial.

The committee discussed the addition of speed tables. Langan asked if speed tables were added due to speeding statistics or if it is a preventative measure. Flanigan stated South Main St connects to the rural street network and a speed table would encourage a slow down when coming into town.

The committee agreed to move forward with the South Main Street Design as presented with a speed study completed for future review.

CONSIDER SIDEWALK INSTALLATION ON LORD ST: Several residents have requested installing the estimated 100' of missing sidewalk on Lord Street south of South Avenue to ensure pedestrian safety. The ordinance requires sidewalks be installed on collector streets such as Lord Street. A public hearing would be held to discuss the approval of a special assessment charge to the owner. This request has been brought to the previous chair of the Public Works committee in the past but was not placed on the agenda.

Burdick said he has received multiple complaints about this. Langan brought up concern that the first three houses on South Avenue do not have sidewalk. Flanigan stated the ordinance requires those sidewalks to be installed only during street reconstruction.

A Braun/Langan motion to setup a special assessment public hearing for the missing sidewalk installation on Lord Street passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER REMOVAL OF ASH PILE FROM COMPOST AREA: After completing the processing and relocating of the compost and brush pile there is a spoils pile of ash, logs, and overall undesirable material. The cost to remove the material will be \$4,500. The compost clean-up operation has been charged to Fund 206 and is \$42,600 over budget without this cost.

Braun would like to see the project complete and concerned that the cost could be higher in the future. Flanigan stated it would be difficult to include this in the 2021 budget due to other increases. Langan asked if the DNR would be able to assist due to a portion of the pile being ash trees. Moser stated that since the pile is not primarily full trees it would be unlikely funding would be available.

The committee agreed to obtain additional quotes for removing the ash pile from the compost area and forward to Finance for approval.

STAFF REPORT: Moser provided an update to the Rollin Street project. Langan requested why the tree at the corner of W Rollin Street and Albion Street was not removed as part of the project. Moser said it was not required to be removed, but he will review it.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Braun/Langan motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Howard Moser/jas
Municipal Services Director