

FEBRUARY 11, 2019
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Chair Debbie Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Committee members present were Debbie Olson, Mark Wellnitz and Jim Burdick. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Mayor Chris Lund, Alderperson Matt McIntyre and several citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Wellnitz/Olson motion to approve the January 14, 2019 Public Works Committee minutes passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF STORMSEWER SYSTEM ON MARLBORO AVE: Several houses on Marlboro Ave have sump pumps that drain to the street causing problems with degradation of the street pavement and curbs. Staff recommends the installation of a “small” stormwater collection system in the terrace that would collect the sump discharge and convey it to the existing stormsewer system. The preliminary cost estimate is \$15,000 and would be funded through the stormwater utility. Citizens living on Marlboro Avenue have noticed an increase in the usage of the sump pumps. They requested the Utility Department investigate a possible water leak in the area. Committee members would like Public Works Director Hartzell to provide a scope of work and details of the stormwater system installation to be reviewed at a future meeting.

CONSIDER THE USE OF CDBG FUNDS AND INCOME SURVEY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF ROLLIN STREET:

The State DOA plans to close the Revolving Loan Funds throughout the state in an effort to better utilize Community Development Block Grant funds. Through the CDBG Close program, these funds can be utilized for CDBG eligible projects that benefit low to moderate income (LMI) residents. Staff is recommending we apply to use the funds to reconstruct W Rollin Street from N Main Street to Swift Street. An income survey would be sent out to residents in this area and be returned to the City Engineer for analysis. An additional application could be made for the CDBG Public Facilities program for the section of W Rollin Street from Swift Street to Albion Street. The CDBG Close Program requires the money be returned to the State within the next two years. The CDBG Public Facilities program application is due in May and if approved construction could be started in 2020.

Chairperson Olson inquired how the street options were chosen. City Administrator Flanigan streets said the analysis was based on the 10-year plan for future street improvements and an estimation of which of those projects would have majority LMI residents.

A Burdick/Wellnitz motion to move to start the survey process on West Rollin Street for CDBG funds passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER NATIVE GRASS/POLLINATOR PLANTINGS ON VARIOUS CITY PROPERTIES:

Staff would like to discuss converting certain areas within the City to native grass and flower planting. This effort would assist in reducing mowing costs; increase habitat for pollinators and

native plants and animals; and in some cases assist with erosion control. The committee brainstormed various areas to plant native grass and flowers. Wellnitz introduced the Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund grant that awards seed to be planted. He suggested this program could be used for the areas discussed.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to include in application for Bee & Butterfly Pollinator grant all those on list in staff report passed, all in favor.

CONSIDER TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Staff prepared a draft tree ordinance that consolidates the existing tree regulations and adds general language regarding trees. The Public Works Committee previously recommended we add language regarding the removal of dead or dangerous trees. The committee discussed the major changes and would like time to review. They will revisit the ordinance draft after the tree board discusses.

STAFF REPORT: Hartzell recommends installing a shed or fenced in area for the sand pile. He is concerned that a large amount of sand is being taken by non-City residents from the pile.

Being no other business before the Committee, an Olson/Wellnitz motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Ramona Flanigan/jas
City Administrator