

MARCH 26, 2019
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Chair Debbie Olson called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. Committee members present were Debbie Olson, Mark Wellnitz and Jim Burdick. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Mayor Chris Lund, Alderperson Candy Davis and Alderperson Matt McIntyre.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to approve the February 25, 2019 Public Works Committee minutes passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER MAINTENANCE OF DRIVEWAY SERVING 501-521 W FULTON ST: The driveway east of 603 W Fulton serves several properties. The driveway is not a public street but each property owner along the drive has an easement to allow access to Fulton Street since most the parcels do not have direct access to a public street. The City owns three parcels in the area but has no need to use the driveway. The owner of one of the properties along the driveway would like to discuss the City's maintenance of the driveway. In the past, the property owners have completed the maintenance. The property owner that requested this be placed on an agenda was not able to attend the meeting.

An Olson/Wellnitz motion to move to table the driveway maintenance for 501-521 W Fulton St passed, all in favor.

CONSIDER MAILBOX SNOW DAMAGE POLICY: The property owner of 712 Dean Street requested the committee review the mailbox snow damage repair policy. The current policy states mailboxes will be repaired or replaced only if the plow rides up on the curb and hits the mailbox. The city does not compensate owners for damage caused by snow hitting a mailbox. Committee discussed other communities' policies. Public Works Director Hartzell stated in 2019 there were 15 damaged mailboxes from the snow this year. Two were replaced under the policy. The Committee discussed other communities' policies. They are similar in wording. Alderperson Davis recommended publishing the mailbox installation regulations and snow damage policy in future newsletters.

The committee decided to leave the mailbox snow damage policy as is. No motion was made.

CONSIDER MAKING RIDGEWAY ST ONE-WAY IN FRONT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: To address the ongoing traffic problems on the school campus, the school district plans several changes to the campus traffic pattern including making Ridgeway a one-way street between the elementary school and Albion St. No properties other than school properties are in the proposed one-way area. If approved, the existing ordinance would need to be changed. Olson suggested the area be set as one-way during school hours only. Staff recommended against this since the area would need to be signed and marked to ensure safety.

A Wellnitz/Olson motion to make Ridgeway Street a one-way street as specified pass, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER BRAND OF TRACK MOWER: Public Works Director Hartzell has requested bids for a track mower from a specific manufacturer and model, Altoz TRX 776i. This is the only manufacturer on the market that builds a track driven mower capable of mowing turf grass and rough ditch areas. Alderperson Olson inquired why we chose this new style of the machine. Hartzell stated the new mower will be a major time saver and will be able to mow areas that the existing equipment cannot. Flanigan stated there will be a \$3,000 surplus from selling the existing tractor and cemetery mower.

CONSIDER SOUTH MAIN STREET REPAIRS: Public Works Director Hartzell described the damage that South Main Street has sustained over the past winter. The repairs are beyond what the staff can complete. The total street is an estimated 3000' long. Two options to repair were presented:

Option #1: Mill 2" deep and repave 2" hot mix asphalt in two areas, one area is 100' x 8'; second area is 200' x 30.5' for a cost of \$13,438

Option #2: Mill 2" deep and repave 2" hot mix asphalt from Lyons Street (by Burn's Gas station) going south for 945' for the full width from curb to curb for a cost of \$36,908

Staff recommends option #2. Hartzell stated this will be the most cost effective option as there will be minimum repairs needed until the street reconstruction has started. The milling would be completed immediately and the repaving would begin in the spring when asphalt is available. The committee discussed the different repair methods including the funding options. Alderperson Olson recommended Option #1 since the road is to be replaced in 2020.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to approve Option #2 passed on a 2/1 roll call vote. Olson voted against the motion.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to fund Option #2 South Main Street in the amount of \$36,908 by taking \$10,000 out of street budget and remainder out of savings passed on a 2/1 roll call vote. Olson voted against the motion.

CONSIDER COSTS FOR POLLINATOR PLANT PROJECT: The farmer who leases the 2 acres on Lord Street does not recommend we plant the area to soybeans without tilling because of damage to the soybean crop from insects that are prevalent in cover crop. He instead recommended we spray the area with the herbicide twice and plant the pollinator seed in the fall. Staff estimates the cost of spraying the herbicide twice to be about \$150 for both parcels. The difference between the cost to the original proposal and the "no soybean" proposal is the loss of \$90 in rental income for 2019. Committee member Olson was concerned about using the herbicide in this area. The committee discussed possible other options to using herbicide to prepare the area for the approval of the grant.

A Wellnitz/Burdick motion to terminate the lease for 2 acres with Linsley for Lord Street property and provide estimates for spraying the area passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: The committee tabled the discussion until a future meeting.

STAFF REPORT: Hartzell reported that bids will be accepted for repairs to Thronson Drive and West Meadows area.

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

Ramona Flanigan/jas
City Administrator