

Public Works Committee Minutes

March 26, 2020, 9:00am via conference call

Committee – R. Ruse, R. Densic, Jerry Staczek, Allyson Murray, E. Ciecka, T. Kolb

Guests - Bob Williams (MSG); Tom Stalter (NWWSD); Andy Langenderfer (Tetra Tech); Mayor Neil

Colony Subdivision

- Project remains on schedule
- All storm sewer work is complete. MSG and Contractor have worked thru challenges of ensuring all existing storm sewer connections were connected into new system
- Curb work underway in a phased approach around the subdivision. Looking at curb adjustments to widen intersections

Colony Rd (Hillside to Eagle Pt) – starting a new name “South Colony”

- MSG/City working through logistics of a contracts and preconstruction notices remotely
- Project schedule tentatively April start and completion in June
- City Ed/Allyson working with Edison on street light upgrades
- Project’s addendum for paving Eagle Point Road on hold [see below]

NWWSD New Projects

- Eagle Point Rd sewer project nearing completion. Contractor [Kelly] wrapping up Eagle Pt work and then some minor work on Birch. NWWSD and the City are evaluating the potential for Kelly to do pavement restoration and the City share in the cost
- Inflow & Infiltration [I & I] study on going in Rossford. NW just hired an I & I coordinator. As COVID craziness subsides, this will be focused on. Frist area being reviewed will be Colony Subdivision since we have all new storm with known storm connections identified.
- Tree Street water line contract awarded to HPH. Materials are being ordered. Construction will start soon. NW will stay in touch with City. Tom Stalter volunteered to contact Allyson to bring her up to speed on all their projects.
- Lime City water line – almost complete – working on service taps. This work is on hold because NW doesn’t want to shut water off during these critical times.
- NW working on ~ 700 of sewer replacement on SR65 near roundabout to get the work done ahead of the roundabout construction schedule
- NW commented that they are working with people going through difficulties in bill paying.

Vineyard/Groce – Allyson noted that the final estimate of assessments is almost complete by Poggemeyer. Tentative construction schedule is August to November.

School Projects –

Glenwood/elementary building

- the pavement joint on Lime City still have not been sealed by the Schools, emergency drive not paved, and sidewalk [which was part of the settlement agreement] not complete. Ed C will work with Allyson and MSG on ensuring walk design is complete and this gets bid. They need to review the settlement on what the requirements were. PW’s wants standard 5-foot concrete walk, but believe the court settlement was for an asphalt/bike path type walk.

High School Turn Lane

- the paving marking plan has been designed by Tetra Tech, and includes the curb layout by the large power pole near the school’s access drive. The new plan does redo the markings on Osborn as well. The City is going to get a bid from Smith Paving for the curb work and secure a bid for the thermoplastic paving markings [estimate is ~\$25K]. Once we have formal numbers on both, Allyson will try to get a meeting with the school superintendent in hopes of them sharing in on the cost. We could try to include in the ODOT safety grant but then installation would not happen until 2021. If we wait, City will have to continue to put down temporary markings that don’t hold up well under the traffic on 65.
- No update on the existing curb cut off 65 into school that was not closed off [however since the PW’s meeting, the school has begun to reconstruct]
- No update on the relocation of the two street lights not installed near the street
- No update on the abandonment of the old services in SR 65 – other than impacting the City’s new pavement, this is a school/NWWSD issue to deal with

Safety grant – MSG is working on the design. Unfortunately, although this grant is for FY 2021 dollars that are available July 1, 2020, given ODOT’s due diligence requirements, this project will not be constructed until calendar year 2021

Deimling Road – PW’s committee wants to have the tar/chip seal of Deimling Rd done at least 45 days ahead of the Amazon and Senior Housing projects opening. Bob D. noted that this is on Finance Comm’s agenda. The funding source for this \$45-55K project would be from the TIFF Fund. The Mayor commented that he is working on an expedited schedule for the reconstruction of Deimling. Everyone wants the road rebuilt as quickly as possible, but also wants to ensure as safe of travel as possible with the increase in traffic volume scheduled for later this summer.

Lime City/65 Roundabout –

- The project is set to bid April 24th. There is no formal need for a pre-bid meeting, so questions will most likely only be dealt with via an addendum.
- Work would begin as soon as contracts can be reviewed and funding appropriated following the April bid opening and the project should be completed by Oct 1st.

Lime City Railroad Crossing – Admin/Tetra Tech are coordinating construction at the time of the bikeway construction. The RR is also replacing the Schreier Rd crossing. The RR would prefer to close both crossings [estimated about 7-day closure] at the same time. Bob motioned, Jerry seconded, motion passed to recommend this conditional on the City/Safety Director and Chiefs work through closure details.

Public Works Update –

- Tyler/City need to do annual Salt Bid with ODOT. Jerry motioned, seconded by Bob to submit Rossford’s request for 650 tons. Motion passed. Legislation needed.
- Discussion was held regarding the security of Wales Rd facility. An alarm system is in place. Ed C mentioned that in discussion with Law Director, cameras haven’t been very successful in helping identify intruders. The Mayor mandated that we would proceed with camera installation.
- Discussion then turned to the demo of the nearby Wales Rd house owned by the City. Robert questioned why we haven’t gone through the demo/practice burn of this facility. The Comm recalls that all EPA forms had previously been approved. Allyson to check on this.
- The comm questioned the status of the demo of Colony/65 house the City owns. Ed C noted that this is part of the 65 Roundabout project.

Gas Meters on Lime City Rd – Jerry raised the question as to why are the gas meters in the front yards of the properties on Lime City Rd and not back by the houses like in most neighborhoods. Furthermore, it appears that many of these gas meters are now being protected by four steel bollards. The Comm commented that this is a look we do not want to see in the City. Andy L with Tetra Tech noted that he thought that most of these were going away as part of the new services Columbia Gas was installing ahead of the bike path project. He/Allyson are going to look into this further.

City Trash Pick Up Service – Ed C noted he is working on the bid for refuse collection in the City. Discussion was held regarding what options we should include. Waste Management met with Council earlier this year and noted how expensive the recycling business has become. The committee decided [Bob motion, Jerry seconded] the alternatives to be bid should be:

1. Current weekly pickup with bi-weekly recycling pickup
2. Refuse only, no recycling pickup
3. Alternate bid for a resident to pay for recycling can [similar to the yard waste program]

Additionally, the committee asked Ed to look into an option [aside from the one weekly bulk pick up item], where the vendor would give a bid for a single once a year bulk pickup at each house. This would be something similar to what the City used to offer. Ed had reservations about this because the quantity and logistics of loading/disposing would be unknown. When City did it in the past, the City had to use backhoes at times for loading. Ed was going to explore the idea further.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05