



Public Works Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday May 26th, 2017

Attendance: Mr. Ruse, Ms. Zuchowski-Eckel, Mr. Oberdorf, Mr. Scott, Mr. Kolb, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Stalter – NWSD and Mr. Williams – MSG

Tom Stalter of NWSD was present to discuss upcoming and current projects in Rossford. Current work includes the Colony and Lorraine Place. The Colony work is finishing up. Lorraine Place is ongoing. The City has an option of paying \$12,772.50 towards the project for a 1.5" mill and fill. He reviewed the districts CIP for next year. They plan to relocate utilities that will be impacted by the roundabouts and address any remaining lead services in the City (District). The Tree streets are being considered for a water line improvement project for next year. I&I work is ongoing. The committee talked about keeping each other informed on upcoming projects on both ends. This includes work in the Colony and along Lime City Road.

The committee asked Tom to check on the following:

1. Colony Rd between Hillside and Eagle Point – please check that all of the water and sewer work is complete
2. The Manholes on Colony Rd hill need to be adjusted.
3. Elm Street – When will the trenches be repaired (Tom said it is on the list for this summer)

The committee also discussed the rates with Mr. Stalter. He explained that water rates are increasing all over the country. The committee asked for an informational campaign to dispel some of the rumors and answer many of the questions from the community. Mr. Stalter said that he would work on it.

Robert Williams from Mannick and Smith Group talked about updating our paving plan. The committee reviewed the existing maps and discussed what updates have been done as well as what we would like the maps to show. The committee also looked at the upcoming projects. The City needs to determine which streets are candidates for micro screening so that option can be added to the plan. Mr. Williams said that he will present the updated plan at the June Committee of the whole meeting.

The committee discussed moving ahead with the Storm Water utility and asked Mr. Scott and Mr. Williams to proceed with the development of it. Mr. Scott needs to get billing costs from NWSD, that is the next step.

Committee's recommendation for the funding issue that we are facing:

1. Implement the Storm Water Utility as soon as possible
2. Continue utilizing assessments, when unimproved streets are “improved”, homeowners will be assessed for curbs.
3. Drop our reserve balance from 10 months down to 7 months

Along with at least one of the following:

1. 25% reciprocity decrease
2. 0.25% income tax increase
3. A levy of at least 3.5 mills

Committee asked for finished design on the following projects. Some have been in partial design others have not been started. The city will go out for qualifications on the larger scope projects due to the high dollar amount.

1. Colony Road in between Hillside and Eagle Point
2. Colony Road in between Eagle Point and the Gates to the Colony
3. The Colony itself
4. Eagle Point Road from Colony Road west to the River
5. Hillside East and Hillview.

The Committee voted to move forward on the storm water utility with a fee of \$3.50/ERU. Mr. Scott to moved forward on billing negotiation with NWSD.

The Committee discussed the signage and the arrows on the pavement in the downtown area, condition and placement are going to be re-evaluated.