

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019

Called to Order: 8:01am

Committee – R. Ruse, R. Densic, J. Staczek, E. Ciecka, T. Kolb

Guests: Chris Beaulieu and Dean Niese sitting in for Bob Williams (MSG) City Engineer

Old Business –

Colony Subdivision – bid review – eight bids received: two bids received in between \$2.8-2.9M; three approx. \$3.2M; and three at \$3.4 M. with the apparent low being Speer Brothers. MSG is evaluating the bids and should have results in by week's end. They will pull out water expenses so we have a true City cost. MSG will also split out storm water work expense for funding purposes. The committee discussed the possibility of changing the storm sewer on Riverside, east of Colony. At this point, the design remains as bid, but we could reconsider during construction. Low bid is for 2019 start, if we wait until 2020 the cost goes up and two lowest companies switch. Jerry motioned; Bob seconded to pass onto Finance PW's recommendation for Speer Bros pending MSG's final review of the bids.

Vineyard/Groce and Colony Rd (Hillside to Eagle Pt) – The committee reviewed an assessment cost determination policy. The policy is intended to be a guide for use on upcoming projects. It could be adjusted for unusual circumstances. It could also be used whether assessing a project on a per lineal basis, on a per lot basis, or even a per acre basis (per LF and per lot would be what the City generally uses). Bob motioned; Jerry seconded to accept the draft of the cost allocation policy as we edited. The motion passed. Ed will address the edits that were discussed and the final policy will be reviewed at our next meeting. The policy: the City to determine the estimated cost to mill and fill a road's pavement surface, then the additional costs to rebuild the road, widen the road, add curbs/gutters, replace drive approaches, and add sidewalks would be the expense assessed back to the property owner. When assessing projects on a lineal foot basis, houses on corner lots would be assessed the footage of the street their house is numbered to, and then 1/3 of the second side.

Colony/Lime City/SR 65 roundabout – ROW negotiations are underway. The committee, and Council, should not involve themselves in the process. It is a State regulated and managed process for ODOT projects. The City and MSG will be submitting an OPWC grant application in an attempt to secure additional funds for the project. It should receive a good score given the traffic volume, overall cost, and variety of funding sources.

Bacon Street Traffic Flow – MSG and Tetra Tech prepared traffic patterns overviews showing traffic flow on Bacon Street being changed to an all-south bound direction vs all north-bound traffic flow. The all south bound approach has the least impact on existing properties. It does come with some uncertainty of success for vehicles wanting to make an east bound turn onto SR 65. This will be monitored. The southbound pattern was recommended by MSG, Tetra Tech, and Safety Director Ciecka; the committee concurs with their recommendation.

Crossroads Storm Water Review – No update

Downtown Safety Study – MSG has prepared a safety study for down town. They have a few edits to make. Once the final is produced, we will get a copy to Council members. The plan's estimate is \$523,000 for all the improvements, of which \$166,000 is contributed to the work that the school. We can show the school work as cost sharing in the application to ODOT for their safety funds. Work includes new lane signage, new guard rail down around the curve (south of Rite Aid), and new cross walks with flashing lights near the Rec Center-Maple and near Ford Memorial/IPS-Elm. Application will be submitted in August. Bob motioned, Jerry seconded, motion passed to accept the draft plan with edits.

Downtown Traffic Signal Pole Painting – the MSG painting project is slowly proceeding. The pedestrian walk poles have been painted. We are on the contractor’s schedule for the traffic signal poles but we don’t know the timing yet.

New Business

Wood County Engineer Bridge Ownership – the committee reviewed a letter from the County Commissioners that turned the ownership and maintenance of two bridges within the City limits over to the City to maintain from this point forward. The ORC outlines bridges that are County responsibility and the Colony Rd Grassy Creek and Schreier Grassy Creek bridges fall under the provisions that make them City responsibility. The bridges have recent evaluations and are reasonably rated as Satisfactory and Good, respectively. The City will need to inspect them moving forward every two years and plan for general upkeep. There are no pending repairs anticipated for several years, however, everyone expressed their disappointment with the County’s decision. Robert expressed that in his experience in the past, the County approached the City and let them know this was coming, and turned them over after upgrades were made so the City knew, under typical circumstances, that no work would be needed for the better part of 10-20 yrs.

Public Works Projects – requests were made to Tyler and his dept:

- to straighten streets signs on the east side of Lime City, north and south of Schreier;
- black out/grind the stop bar closest to SR 65 at the Eagle Pt -SR 65 intersection and repaint the existing one that is furthest west;
- review and reduce the number of no parking signs on West Hillside

NWWSD New Projects – NWWSD wasn’t able to attend the meeting so these two items will be discussed at our next PW’s meeting:

- Lime City Road Waterline
- Deimling Rd Waterline Extension

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am