

## Public Works Review Meeting Feb. 9, 2016

Meeting called to order by chairman Ihm at 5:00pm

Members present: Ihm, Morgan, Labudda, Olmstead. Also present DPW Hauth, Admin. Winger, Mark Fisher, Bob Keeney.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Labudda and Olmstead.

Bob Keeney informed committee of Grant County building plans that were recently approved. Phase 1 will involve moving jail and law enforcement center to the Orchard Manor site. Phase 2 will be moving the ADRC and Social Services to Orchard Manor site or possibly to West Alona Ln. Phase 3 will be relocating the highway department shop to the Orchard Manor/county farm site. The executive committee will be asking county consultant The Samuels Group to develop an RFP to select an architectural firm that will determine programming needs and design concepts. A second RFP will be for the design and build option.

The county is asking to start the process of determining if any future facilities can connect to city water and sewer. The public works committee acknowledged the request. Steve Winger said the city attorney has briefly reviewed the ordinances and will provide his opinion in the near future. Hauth noted that he would like city engineer to review the request to connect to water and sewer to ensure there is adequate capacity. Most likely will be no issues with additional flows. County will be facing upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant in the coming years to meet phosphorus limits and connecting to city sewer may be the most cost effective option.

Mark Fisher presented several exhibits that show possible layouts for building lots for city owned property next to Golf View Ln. and former TC Beverage location. Both areas have topographical challenges that will need to be taken in to consideration. Golf View Ln. area would require the acquisition of private property. The TC Beverage property would include connecting a street to Hwy 61 which will need to meet DOT design standards.

Mark Fisher discussed bike lane requirements and sidewalk widths for courthouse square. Adjustments have been made to the design to minimize the amount of lane width that is needed for bike lanes. Two concepts were presented, one with marked bike lanes on the square and north to Elm St. the other without markings in this area. The city is required to maintain any markings after installation. Hauth noted he is not in favor of maintaining these lines around the square and feels the lanes will be confusing since they are only on the outside lane of the square. The unmarked bike lane design does increase the sidewalk width on the outside of the square which is desirable. Mark also pointed out that the overall width of the street will be decreasing by several feet. Committee members felt that due to traffic volume it would be best to keep streets as wide as possible. Mark assumed the reasoning behind the narrowing of the streets was to avoid impacts on the courthouse property and cost. Mark and John will contact DOT to discuss. Committee wanted to know if the city would be responsible for cost to keep street width close to existing and what it might cost.

Street lighting on project was discussed, Hauth passed around pictures of the style of decorative lighting that was chosen for the project in the downtown area. An electrical engineer has been contracted through DOT for designing the new lighting system. Hauth asked engineer to include replacement of all of the aluminum light poles in the downtown as an option with the project.

Hauth gave an update on the status of the wastewater treatment plant generator. It has a serious oil leak. City mechanic has the necessary parts to repair it but the engine needs to be removed from the basement and taken to shop. This will take about 3 days so he is waiting for the right opportunity to schedule the work. Strand has been working on proposals to replace this generator with a unit that will be located outside of the building. Current estimate for equipment and installation are just over \$200,000. They are also looking at a larger generator that will operate the entire plant and should have an estimate in the next week. Hauth feels generator replacement should be addressed in 2017.

Committee and administration had no issue with the request from American Legion to move display cabinet from council chambers to hallway outside of senior citizens room. Legion members have items in their homes that they feel should be on display for the community. They will have one of their members determine if cabinet can be moved.

Motion to adjourn by Labudda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan.

Submitted by John Hauth