

Public Service Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mrs. Richardson at 5:00pm.

Members Present: Tracy Richardson, Mark Reams, Alan Seymour

Others Present: Terry Emery, Mike Andrako, Jeremy Hoyt, Marc Dilsaver, Taylor Evans with Journal Tribune

Mr. Seymour moved to added appointment for Committee Chair. Mr. Reams seconded. Mr. Reams nominated Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Seymour seconded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the June 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

COMMENTS OF CITIZENS:

UPDATE ON WATERLINE PROJECT: Mr. Hoyt indicated that not much has changed since the Mayor's report on Thursday at Council. The contractors have finished the curb installation on the south side of west Fourth Street between Grove Street and Court Street. Water lines are being installed on East Fifth Street, close to five points. Substantial completion is still expected by October. He said there is also a detailed fact sheet on the City's website for this project.

Mr. Seymour asked what the progress on the intermediate breakages, are we seeing anymore lines break because of the pressure? Mr. Andrako said the line that broke last week on Sixth Street, we are not sure, but believe it was actually caused by the construction. The lines on Court Street from Court to Third Street and Court to Fifth Street, we are pretty sure had something to do with the waterline project. Since we depressurized the main, made the connection and added the pressure. It was a few hours after we added the pressure that we had those breaks at Court Street.

Mrs. Richardson asked if the curbs on Fourth Street are complete. Mr. Hoyt said the curbs are complete but there is still going to be some restoration.

UPDATE ON PAVING PROJECT: Mr. Hoyt said as Mayor Gore reported at Council, Meadows, Emmaus, Apple, Millstone were all paved Friday. All of the work is completed in those locations. Strauser Paving will be back in September with a completion date of the end of September. The detailed fact sheet for the project is on the website, but this update explains where we are on the project.

Mrs. Richardson asked if the contractors are working additional hours to try and catch up? Mr. Hoyt answered that the water line contractor works four ten hour days, some

contractors chose to work five eight hour days. He said the paving they are working sun up to sun down because their window to do paving work is April to November if you are lucky. She asked if he has seen any work after 9:30-10pm. Mr. Hoyt replied not to his knowledge. Mr. Andrako said there is a noise ordinance they have to abide by, if they work after dark, we usually get complaints.

DISCUSS TALL GRASS COMPLAINTS: Mr. Reams said he has heard a complaint from one resident, and had not heard much about the complaints this year. He would just like to know if things are improving. Mr. Hoyt spoke with Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Todd this morning, they said the complaints are way down from last time this year. He said this time last year we mowed about 74 properties, and this year we have only mowed 40 properties. We have used about 40% of our budget that was allocated towards mowing. The City has reached out to the banks on foreclosed properties, we have been mowing more vacant properties than foreclosed.

DISCUSS THE SCOTTSLAWN BRIDGE PROJECT-FUNDING LEGISLATION: Mr. Hoyt said ODOT has asked him to accept their standard funding language, they need it by February 16, 2016. The language states that ODOT is paying 100% of the costs, and it gives a brief schedule. ODOT's hoping to start construction in the summer of 2016 and complete by the winter of 2016. This project is a part of three bridges that they are replacing in Union County. They are doing Scottslawn, Brock and 42. Mrs. Richardson asked if this has been in the works for a while. Mr. Hoyt said ODOT met with us a year ago.

Mr. Seymour asked how they are going to widen the bridge. Mr. Hoyt said they are structurally widening it. Mr. Seymour questioned if there will be traffic control on US 33 during the bridge replacement. Mr. Hoyt said he would assume there would, they will have information on closures when it comes available.

DISCUSS THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE PROJECT-FUNDING LEGISLATION: Mr. Hoyt said this is the same as the Scottslawn bridge replacement as far as language, but different price and project. The construction start is spring of 2017 and the completion in summer of 2018. The road will be completely closed during that duration. He said there is no real asphalt work, it would be a bridge replacement. Mrs. Richardson commented on how nice the pedestrian walk way is going to be. Mr. Hoyt said they will be moving the waterline out 10-15 feet from where it is now.

Mrs. Richardson asked about the easement. Mr. Hoyt explained that the temporary easement is needed for the waterline replacement. Mrs. Richardson asked what is the history behind this project. Mr. Hoyt said he thinks it is the same time line as the Scottslawn Bridge.

Mr. Emery said we are really fortunate over the last couple years with these projects where ODOT is coming in and taking 100% of the responsibilities.

Mr. Reams said the committee will sponsor both pieces of legislation. Mr. Seymour asked about the road closing from spring to summer. Mr. Emery said we have a plan and will work through it. Mrs. Richardson asked if Mr. Seymour would like Mr. Hoyt to bring to them a traffic service plan for this project. Mr. Seymour said sometime we will have to address it and be prepared for questions.

Mrs. Richardson asked for a motion, Mr. Reams moved to support both projects to move forward to council. There was no objection from the committee to sponsor both pieces of legislation to Council.

DISCUSS THE MACIVOR WOODS ACCESS EASEMENT MODIFICATION:

Mr. Hoyt said Kroger is in the process of figuring out how we are going to get back to our property. We currently have an easement that gets us from Fifth Street back to the seven-tenths of an acre that we have that will be dedicated for a parking lot in the future. They would like to develop over our easement and put a pond in there and some other items. They are going to give us access to their drive to get back to our property. Mr. Hoyt said they brought it to the committee to get any thoughts on the idea. Mr. Reams asked if they would be willing to allow us to park in a certain area or use it for parking. Mr. Hoyt was not sure because it was a very steep grade.

Mr. Hoyt said he is going to get with Mr. Aslaner to discuss it. Kroger might want to waive readings. Mr. Reams & Mrs. Richardson both were against waiving any readings because it is a very sensitive subject. The Committee and Mr. Hoyt talked about only abandoning and obtaining certain parts of the easement. Mr. Emery suggested that Mr. Hoyt send the committee an email updating them on the progress of the easement discussion. Mrs. Richardson said to forward that information to Clerk of Council and she will disseminate it to us.

GENERAL UPDATES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Hoyt said the Amrine Road culvert replacement is complete, they have not done their punch list yet, but it looks good. The US 36 widening project has a pre-construction meeting next week that ODOT invited us to on Thursday at 2:00pm. The West Fifth Street storm water, culvert for townrun and the bids were much higher than anticipated. He said we are going to have to reject the one bid in some way, but we are working on numbers. Mr. Emery said this project will be delayed a little bit, we think it might be best to put it back out a little later. Mr. Reams asked what the estimate was on that project. Mr. Hoyt said for the townrun project we had it estimated at \$10,000 but the bid came back at \$65,000. Mrs. Richardson asked if the dollars were in the current budget and they answered yes but not \$65,000.

COMMENTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mrs. Richardson said the Public Service Department is very busy, and thank you. Mr. Emery said we have a good group of employees and they work well together.

Mr. Seymour questioned when the next meeting was going to be. Mr. Emery asked that the Committee consider incorporating the meeting into or close to the normal work day,

as these guys already have a long day. Mrs. Richardson said maybe we could consider switching to Tuesday night. Mr. Andrako said that the same night of Parks & Rec would be best for him. Look at the third Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

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