

MINUTES OF THE SUNSET HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

The City of Sunset Hills Public Works Committee met Tuesday, December 4, 2007 in the Public Works Conference Room. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Frank Gregory
Alderman Lynn D. Flowers
Alderman Frank Hardy
Alderman Thomas Hrastich
City Engineer Anne C. Lamitola

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the November 6, 2007 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Alderman Flowers seconded the motion. Alderman Hrastich abstained and stated he has not yet read the minutes. There being 3 AYE votes and 1 abstention, the motion was approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were not any citizens present.

APPROVED PROJECT UPDATES

A. Old Gravois Road

Mrs. Lamitola stated that she met with the consultant last week and reviewed the proposed preliminary plans. It is anticipated the road will be widened for safety purposes and a left turn lane will be added for the vast majority of the project. However, there are a few sections that have one lane in each direction. There will be a sidewalk from Zachary's Ridge to Kennerly Road. Due to topography, it is not possible for the sidewalk to extend to Minnie Ha Ha Park.

Mrs. Lamitola reminded the members that the public meeting will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of City Hall. She stated that Cochran Engineering will have presentations at the meeting.

Mrs. Lamitola stated there was a preliminary cost construction estimate presented to the Board of Aldermen last fall. However, the current cost construction estimate exceeds the previous cost estimate. Federal funds have been obtained and the city is committed to 20% of the approved cost.

Mrs. Lamitola stated she would like to see how the residents feel in regard to street lighting at next week's meeting. Cochran Engineering has indicated that it may be possible to convince Ameren UE to place lighting on existing power poles. She stated that street trees have been removed and is not included in the current estimate. The current cost estimate does not include costs for the installation of street signs as this can be accomplished on an in-house basis. Rock excavation will be necessary for the installation of sidewalks and perhaps for widening the road as well.

Mrs. Lamitola explained that the current cost estimate was achieved by going to the site and doing a topographic survey and truly understanding the site conditions.

Alderman Hardy stated that the Old Gravois Road Bridge has been closed since the preliminary cost benefit estimate. If it is determined for the bridge to be relocated, there could be more of a cost increase.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the sidewalk was included in the grant application because it will improve safety on the road. She added that there have been fatal car accidents that have occurred on this roadway. Widening the roadway will also improve safety.

Alderman Gregory expressed concern regarding the cost difference between the preliminary cost estimate and the current cost estimate. He then suggested inquiring if there are items that can be removed that were included in the grant application such as street trees.

B. Mattese Tributary; Flood & Hydraulic Study

Mrs. Lamitola stated a draft report is anticipated to be received by the end of December so the members can discuss the issue.

C. Nuisance Structure Removal; 118 Monica, 137 Deane, 403 Rayburn

The city has issued zoning approval for the demolition and the contractor is waiting for St. Louis County to issue the demolition permits. The sites will be posted and asbestos abatement will take approximately one week. Each structure will take three to four days to demolish and haul off the debris.

After discussion, it was determined to place signage on the properties to be demolished that advises to contact city hall for information.

D. Lincoln Storm Sewer

Mrs. Lamitola stated that bids will be received Thursday and a contract must be awarded by December 31, 2007.

STORM WATER PRIORITIES LIST

Mrs. Lamitola stated that there have been studies added and a Rott Rd. culvert rehabilitation project has also been added to the list. She explained that apparently there is a stone culvert that appears to have been constructed in the 1920's or 1930's. It was lined

about 15 or 20 years ago by the city in an attempt to shore the culvert. However, there are now stones that are loose and in danger of falling off the structure.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the Street Department has lined the channel in regards to the Matthews Lane issue that was discussed at last month's meeting. However, there is a section that is full of debris that needs to be cleared by the property owners before the completion of the channel lining can take place.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS; TRIBUTARY B STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PHASE I

Mrs. Lamitola stated that it is hopeful to have the qualifications received in order to discuss the matter at next month's meeting or perhaps in February.

OTHER MATTERS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

Mrs. Lamitola stated that T-Mobile has withdrawn their proposal. However, another company, Unison, has expressed interest. She asked if the members would like for her to obtain more information. It was agreed to request Unison to submit something in writing.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that the next regularly scheduled Public Works meeting is January 1, 2008. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Flowers stated that Missouri Water Company has been working on the new concrete street at Meppen at Meppen Court. It appears a water main broke. The water company filled the hole with asphalt. He stated that there is a similar issue at Meppen and Helta.

Alderman Flowers asked about the guardrail behind the firehouse. Mrs. Lamitola stated that the Street Department has been working on replacing guardrails for the past six weeks. Alderman Flowers stated that there are municipalities that are now painting the silver metal guardrails black.

Alderman Flowers requested Mrs. Lamitola review the actual lot sizes in the area of Leebur, Meppen, Helta, Gravois Rd., I-270 and Lindbergh Blvd. area and expressed his opinion that he did not desire this residential area to become more dense.

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Alderman Flowers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Anne C. Lamitola, P.E.
City Engineer/Director of Public Works