

Committee of the Whole

February 28, 2017

Present: Mayor Vulich, Council Members Gassman, Seeley, McGraw, Allesee, Odor, Connell and O'Neill, City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk, Press and interested citizens.

1. 14th Avenue NW Extension to Middle School – Jason Craft

City Engineer Jason Craft advised the Council that this item was discussed in the CIP and the Right-Of-Way acquisition is in this Fiscal Year's budget. He stated that the Clinton Business and Tech Park is in the Urban Renewal Area and TIF dollars are able to be used to construct this type of project. He continued in stating that the cost for property acquisition is estimated at \$50,000 and the cost to build the street is estimated at \$450,000 to match up with the Middle School road. He further stated that he is recommending the construction of a sanitary sewer along with the project.

Councilmember Allesee inquired regarding whether the City Engineer has spoken with the School regarding the proposed project. Engineer Craft stated "No". Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding whether the landowners had been contacted. Engineer Craft stated "No", he did not want to be presumptuous. He wanted to get the proper approval. Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding whether the School would dedicate their road to the City. Engineer Craft stated that the School District has a lot to do with this. Connectivity of roads is good. Councilmember O'Neill stated that if the City builds a road with a sidewalk that would eliminate the need for a sidewalk on the north side of 13th Avenue North. Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding whether the plans include a sidewalk. City Engineer Craft stated that a sidewalk is included in the \$450,000. Mayor Vulich inquired regarding who would maintain a sidewalk constructed in agricultural land. Engineer Craft stated that the City would maintain the sidewalk the same as we do on 19th Avenue North. Mayor Vulich stated that this project would take money away from the Lyons Business and Tech Park. They are generating jobs. He continued in stating that he was not sure there would be enough TIF dollars left if the road is built. Councilmember O'Neill stated that this will resolve a lot of issues and get rid of the traffic congestion on 13th Avenue North.

Councilmember Connell inquired regarding if this project does not move forward where will the money be used. Engineer Craft stated that it could be used at the Lyons Business and Tech Park. Councilmember Connell suggested using \$50,000 and putting a sidewalk on 13th Avenue North. Councilmember Seeley inquired regarding why the City needs the road. We don't know if the School District wants it and we don't know the amount of TIF dollars available. There is a whole area to be developed and we do not have a plan. We need to put a plan together. City Administrator Matt Brooke stated that the City will put a plan together and will engage the School District and Lyons Business and Tech Park. The health, welfare and safety of our citizens is of the utmost importance. Mayor Vulich stated that he would be happy to speak with the School District.

2. RPA 8 Public Input Meeting – Matt Brooke

Mr. Chandra Ravada, ECIA Director of Transportation, advised the Council that there are federal dollars coming from the Department of Transportation. He stated that there is \$156 Million in funding which will become available over the next 25 years and the City must prioritize the projects it wishes to do. He continued in stating that the projects must be shovel-ready which will require input regarding the City's needs over the next 25-30 years. Councilmember Allesee inquired

regarding whether the City would be ineligible if there is no plan in place. Mr. Ravada stated that the City would be ineligible to receive the funding if there is no plan. He continued in stating that the City should look at any projects where federal funding could be sought. He further stated that the City has two to three weeks to compile a list of projects.

Councilmember O'Neill inquired regarding whether a plan for expanding bus service would be considered a possible project. Mr. Ravada stated that it would.

Mayor Vulich requested that the Council send their ideas to the City Administrator in the next week and after a list is compiled a discussion will be held. Mr. Ravada suggested that if the City plans to do a large project such as Mill Creek Parkway Four Lane the design phase should be started now.

3. Mayor & Council Updates

Councilmember O'Neill stated that he would hold his radio show on Thursday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and his Public Forum at the Ericksen Center on Saturday from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

City Administrator Brooke stated that he is working at getting one Councilmember per timeframe to attend the Parks Master Plan meetings at Eagle Point Lodge. He continued in stating that he had a good discussion with the Humane Society and Donna May regarding animal control.

M/S, Gassman-Seeley moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Van Loo
City Clerk