

Committee of the Whole  
March 13, 2017

Present: President King; Council Members Buxton, Clausen, Fleck, Larmore, LeJeune, Scott and Sovinski; Mayor Hazel; Director Hitchcock; Auditor Strawn; and Bill Kincaid, The Daily Standard.

President King called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm for review of Capital Projects.

Streets Resurfacing Project. Director Hitchcock reported public bids were received for this project. There were only two bidders, both coming in under the estimate. The low bid was \$304,429.29 from Shelly Company. The project will begin in the spring.

East Livingston Street Waterline Project. Bids will be opened March 21, 2017. This project includes waterline replacement, service connections and trench repairs. Director Hitchcock explained the waterline runs under the railroad tracks, and to bore under the tracks would cost up to \$50,000. This has been removed from the project. A new line will go down Vine Street and eventually be connected, and the waterline under the tracks will be abandoned. CM Sovinski suggested to keep the line and tie into it with valves on each end that can isolate the line. This would help maintain residual water pressure in the area to pull water in two directions. Director Hitchcock reported East Livingston Street would then be on the list for resurfacing next year. It will take a lot of money for this reconstruction, so there will be no financing available for other street projects next year.

West Wayne Street Improvements. The project is in the design phase. Council Members suggested consideration of Handicap sidewalk at the Mill Street intersection. Project is slated to bid in June, with construction in the fall.

2018 capital street projects will include East Livingston Street resurfacing and either North Main Street waterline or West Market Street dependent on ODOT Small Cities Grant award.

Sidewalks. Director Hitchcock distributed a list of properties and streets where no sidewalks exist. The City will fix the sidewalks responsible to be repaired by the City before going to the residents for repairs. A master list of properties that need to be repaired will be kept by administration and at the public works department. CM Sovinski suggested properties be addressed that have new construction, but have not installed sidewalks as is required. CM Larmore suggested the sidewalk ordinance be updated to get a better sidewalk program. This all needs to be put in place, for when the City's sidewalks are completed. CM Sovinski stated a few years ago, the City reestablished the sidewalk program. The first year was the most difficult, but residents eventually agreed that the repairs are needed. President King suggested the sidewalk ordinance be brought back to Committee for further discussion. CM Larmore made motion to bring the sidewalk ordinance back to committee, seconded by CM Sovinski. Motion passed with a voice acclamation vote 7-0 Aye.

President King adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council