

Minutes
April 16, 2012
Public Hearing

1) The meeting was called to order by Charles Neff/Mayor at 7:00PM.

a) Council Members present were Charles Neff/Mayor, Burl Ingebretsen, Shelley Poehls and Bob Dablow. Mark Hanson was unable to attend.

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Norm Nyland, Dan Hanson, Kathy Dablow, Dave Castanon, Lloyd Helgeson, Stacey Enderle, Vern Arntson, Dave Suedel and Jody Suedel.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Street Projects – This public hearing meeting is to inform affected residents and hear their concerns on two separate reconstructions, 3rd Street between Holloway Ave & Osborne Ave and the end of Main Street across from the park. Dan Hanson passed out estimated assessments for those present to look over.

a) **Main Street Project** – Two homes and the city park are affected by this project. The end of the sewer line ends with a pipe instead of a manhole and there is a sag in the line which is under water so we cannot video tape it to see the problem. There has been sewer backup into the basement of the home on the end of the line a few times which is most likely due to this problem. If the issue isn't fixed the homeowners most likely will continue to have sewer backup problems. Kathy Dablow is concerned with being unable to afford the cost of the project. Bob Dablow, speaking as an affected resident feels that years ago when the sewer lines were put in that instead of doing it the right way corners were cut to keep the costs down and we are paying for it now. Bob feels the problem needs to be fixed as it has been expensive clean up the few times their basement has flooded. Depending on where the affected homes sewer lines tie in to the main we may be able to cut the size and cost of the project down.

b) **3rd Street Project** – This project affects ten homes. We are looking at reconstructing the whole street, adding new curb stops, replacing some utility lines and improving drainage. Homes that do not connect to the utility lines on 3rd Street would not be charged for replacing those services. Lloyd Helgeson asked whether or not we know what has caused the problem. Dan Hanson believes we must have some type of leak under the road for the road to be in this condition. Dave Castanon asked whether the final project cost could be higher than the projected costs Dan supplied. Dan explained that the estimated costs he supplied show what the potential assessments should be if everything needs replacing once the project is completed we would have the final totals which could be lower than estimated. There were also concerns on cost, access to the homes and utilities during the reconstruct. The costs are determined by the lowest reasonable bidder and if the council approves the project at the next general meeting after the bids are in Dan could show a better estimate of the project costs. Dave Castanon is concerned with having the costs added to his taxes and would like to know if there is another option for paying his share of the costs. At any time before the costs are assessed to the county you may pay any or all of the costs up front to the city, once they are assessed to the county you need to make payments to them, but may choose to pay off the assessments early through them as well. There will be times that you will not be able to access the home for parking and periods of time that the utilities will not be accessible. The construction company that is completing the project will be required notify you ahead of time when the utilities are not available.

4) Mayors Minute – In my term as Mayor we have stumbled across a number of land mines and haven't gone the on the cheap side when fixing the issues. We do not want to have other issues later on that could have been avoided had we done it right the first time. We could probably cut corners, but I wouldn't advise it. Thank you to all who came in tonight, your comments and concerns are important

for us to hear and we will discuss them at the general council meeting before voting on the projects.

5) Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to adjourn. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

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