

**City of Blue Earth
Minutes Street Committee
October 10, 2018 @ 4:30 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Call to Order:

Ray Wigern called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Members Present: Ray Wigern, Russ Erichsrud, Marty Cassem, David Classon and Gary Armon. Absent: Dan Brod

Staff: City Engineer Wes Brown, City Administrator Timothy Ibisch and Blue Earth Light & Water Tim Stoner.

Public: Coleen Knutson

Motion by Armon, second by Erichsrud to approve the Street Committee Meeting Minutes from June 25th, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Wigern addressed the City Engineer Wes Brown for an update on the 2018 projects. Brown indicated that all the infrastructure is in, with the streets being graded out, the weather has caused some delays for the projects. Both the street project as well as the housing project are having issues with rain delays. The drain tile at the housing project has caused problems with the pond draining back at them with the pond at this time being so high and soil conditions are poor. Brown indicated that the contractor's deadline of August 30th has been moved back to October 30th. The hope is to get curb and gutter in place this fall. Ibisch inquired of the 13th, Moore and Galbraith Street project. Brown mentioned that the sewer lining took place this week and should be finished and that the ground water from the rain has cause some lining delay with it curing.

New Business:

Wigern brought forth the Sailor Street project. Brown review the lay out of the Sailor Street project with the cost break down. Brown described the project as being North 2 blocks of Sailor between 1st and 3rd including the 2nd street block and half, including 1 block of 1st street this being the base project with the total estimate being 1.12 million with the other areas breaking them off a pieces of potentially adding them in depending on cost, one section being of the frontage road coming from 1st street North to the roundabout estimated being \$71,000.00 with not a lot of infrastructure needed in the area with it being done at the same time as Highway 169 project took place with it just being road surface that would need to be done for that cost. Riverview section costing \$159,000.00 with that needing a watermain that isn't located in that area, 2 blocks of 3rd street \$577,000.00 total project would just be \$1.93 million.

Erichsrud inquired about the drive way that goes back to Fox's property being list as 300 ft for \$33,000.00, Erichsrud indicated that it will not to the property any good. Brown mentioned

preliminary discussions on this being a street to vacate and not doing construction there. Ibisch mentioned that the decision needs to be made of what the plan would be with that section with Fox not having a sewer and water service connections and that would be needed for sure. Vacating it would mean it would be owned by the neighbor's to Fox, inquiring what would that mean for Fox's access to his property with the possibility of Fox needing an easement.

Wigern indicated doing a vacation would be the best option with sticking sewer and water services in the area. Brown suggested if vacating stubbing out the sewer water services like a typical lot and Fox would need to connect to those which would include installing a grinder pump because he is too low in that area and wouldn't be able to be served. Wigern brought forth the 169 roundabout and street connecting if that is something to leave in the project or take it out. Brown mentioned if leaving it the street is a narrow street but either way you don't have to do it, the surface is in an okay condition. Cassem inquired if the street would get anymore use then what it does now, Ibisch indicated that it should get a less used once the 2nd street is completed.

Holland indicated that if you don't do it now, you're looking at a relay or taking it out and making it gravel. Ibisch mentioned the problematic thing he might see is it's a fire exit. Cassem recommended just leaving it as long as there are no objections. Ibisch indicated at the end the committee will make 1 recommendation to the council. Wigern brought forth the Fox driveway and the recommendations to proceed with that part of the project. Holland mentioned that right now there is no base there it's just gravel. Wigern mention a discussion with Fox indicating fox is not concerned with the road, he is more concerned with services. Holland mentioned that Fox is concerned with plowing as well. Ibisch reviewed the recommendation of vacating the street, keeping the utility easements for the storm sewer, create an easement to Fox to maintain access his home creating a parcel for that to be his driveway and construction of water service. Wigern addressed 2nd Street. Ibisch indicated that Garlick is requesting a 2-inch water connection. Holland indicated nothing if they are punching through 2nd Street. Holland inquired of Riverview Lane. Brown indicated that the 3 properties on River View are on the same sewer line along with and 3 properties on sailor all back up to that area being served on that, there is no way to pick up the Riverview Lane with a new sewer line because there isn't enough fall in the sewer, the thought is to line that piece and replace the lines in the back yards the cost will be \$9,400.00.

Armon suggested just an overlay of that street would be fine as it's not high traffic and would be most cost effective. Wigern inquired if the project would go all the way down to 3rd, Brown indicated it would. Classon mentioned if it works financially then it would be good to add additional to be able to finish as much of the area as possible the first year. Erichsrud inquired if the plan was to do this project as well as another side project. Ibisch mentioned that that would be the idea but with the consideration of price, the other project would be the overlay of 2nd Street with the possibility of being able to bid 3rd Street as an alternate based on the estimates if we could do 3rd street doing it in 2 years instead of 3 years. Ibisch mentioned 3rd Street sidewalk with 1 section with the anticipation of putting the sidewalk in, this would be the funnel so that people would be able to walk to 3rd Street and get connected to the regular sidewalk system for the rest of the city and that there is a connection to the trail. Wigern requested a motion to accept this plan and forward the recommendations onto the Council.

Motioned by Classon, second by Armon to forward the recommendations of the Sailor Street project onto the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Wigern addressed the 2nd Street mill and overlay. Ibisch indicated that this project was identified by Holland during his budget. This project would entail 2nd Street East to Hwy 169 where it was overlaid during the 169 projects, the project consists of a block and ½. Erichsrud inquired the blocks from Gorman to Rice Street. Holland indicated that it would be those blocks, Holland mentioned the poor surfaces in those areas. Ibisch mentioned bonding the project into the street project. Wigern indicated that he would like to see it treated as a separate project. Ibisch questioned just getting an estimate and seeing where we can go from there. Ibisch reviewed the debt schedule explaining how it works and what we will be seeing.

Ibisch brought forth for information only, the types of street structures, concrete vs numinous. He mentioned the Council would like to see bids of both types of street structures on some of the projects.

Motioned by Classon, second by Armon to recommend the 2nd Street project to the Council. The motion was approved unanimously .

Adjourn:

Motion by Erichsrud, second Cassem by to adjourn the meeting. Closed the meeting at 5:45 P.M.