

STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

October 24, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Olive
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Skultety
Alderman Driskell

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Mike Mann
Alderman Budd
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Burtle

Bill Sleeman
Jeff & Jan Bland
Dennis Bland
Josh Assad
Owen Lasswell
Shirley Sams

Chairman Olive called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

UPDATE OF EAST & WEST MAIN CROSS

Bill Sleeman, Benton & Associates, presented the Committee with a Project Summary for East Main Cross Street Improvement Project Summary which provided the Project Cost Estimate (\$910,500.00, based on a 12-week construction period) and a Preliminary Schedule outlining each step and time frame to proceed. The East Main Cross project will be completed in three sections: South Wyandotte Street to North Cherokee Street, Pawnee Street to South Wyandotte Street and Walnut Street to Pawnee Street. This project will be funded with MFT Funds.

Mr. Sleeman also provided information for the West Main Cross Street Improvements Project which included the Project Cost Estimate (\$991,500.00) and Funding Options. After discussion the Committee agreed on Option 1: City is responsible for 20% the remaining 80% will be using STU Funds. Option 1 requires (QBS) Qualified Base Selection for Construction Engineering.

The Committee asked if Water Superintendent Speagle had been included in these discussions to schedule any water main work that would be needed prior to construction, and asked if the cost of water mains is included. Superintendent Speagle is aware of the projects and has discussed completing all the work at one time. The cost of any water main work is not included in these estimates, but Mr. Sleeman advised there would be no extra cost to bid water mains. Alderman Burtle asked that this project be forwarded to the Water Committee for discussion. Mr. Sleeman advised these costs could be covered by MFT Funds also. The Committee agreed this project needs to get started before the weather gets bad. Mr. Sleeman will send the paperwork to City Clerk Lilly to get the process started upon City Council approval.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the East Main Cross Project as presented by Benton & Associates, using Local (MFT) Funds with a Project Cost Estimate of \$910,500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to proceed with the West Main Cross Project as presented by Benton & Associates using Option 1: Local (MFT) Funds in the amount of \$184,800.00 and Service Transportation Urban (STU) Funds in the amount of \$739,200.00, for a total Project Cost Estimate of \$991,500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

BLAND PROPERTY-SPORTSMAN DRIVE

Dennis, Jeff and Jan Bland were in attendance to discuss a City storm sewer drain that runs across their property located at 1424 Sportsman Drive. They are planning to sell the property, and with the storm drain running across the property, it would prohibit a new construction with basement.

This issue was discussed at last month's meeting. Mayor Barry advised City and County records have been researched on this property. There is no record of the City owning the storm sewer; there are no easements and it is not on the maps.

The Bland family advised they have had title searches done and have researched the property also and they did not find any easements or any information on who installed the storm sewer or ownership. They were asked if he had title insurance. Their father purchased the property in 1970, and had purchased title insurance through Hartzell Givens. They were advised to check into that agreement, and if he had title insurance, it should pay.

At last month's meeting, Jeff Bland stated the City has fixed property in the past due to this storm sewer. Mayor Barry read minutes regarding that incident from a January 24, 2008 Street and Sewer Committee Meeting; the property was on Lawrence Avenue that had issues due to a sink hole. The Street and Sewer Superintendent then was Superintendent Casner who had the line tv'd and the rest of the line was fine. The City fixed this problem. There is no problem with the line, so there is no reason for the City to move it. The City acquired the line through annexation and has to maintain the line, but to move the line would only be a convenience for the property owners. With no ownership of the storm sewer, some did not feel the City should use tax payers money to move it. The line could be a drainage district line and that entity is now defunct.

Dennis Bland stated the City would benefit as well if two new homes were built on the property; it would generate tax money for the City. The City would receive tax dollars, but the base amount Mr. Bland mentioned would have to be divided among all the entities. The City only receives a portion, the County, the Schools etc. all receive a portion. There was discussion regarding the City paying some of the expense as the City did fix the sink hole on Lawrence Avenue. Mr. Bland was advised that was a different Council, different people, different circumstances. Mayor Barry advised it could be very costly to move the storm sewer and an engineer would have to be involved. He was asked to contact City Attorney Romano for legal clarification on how to proceed. This issue will be discussed at the next Street & Sewer Committee Meeting if there is any new information.

STOP SIGN-SHUMWAY & SECOND

Alderman Bryant has received a request from two residents to remove the Stop Sign on Shumway at Second Street. Only one lane of traffic traveling North has to stop, going South do not stop. Some members of the Committee feel Shumway is a thorough way and there should not be a Stop Sign there. The Mayor does not think there has ever been an accident at this location. If the sign is removed, there may be accidents. No action taken; this will be an agenda item next month.

SUPERINENDENT'S REPORT

Street and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mann reported the Department has been busy working on the following projects:

- Tree Clean-ups
- Street Repairs
- Ditch and Alley Repairs
- Limb Pickups

Superintendent Mann advised maintenance was done on the boom mower and two tires were replaced on the sewer truck. There needs to be some repair work on the concrete bins; the east wall needs replaced. Alderman Budd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended that all four wards split the cost, the Aldermen in attendance agreed.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Josh Assad was in attendance to discuss parking in front of his home and business located at West Vine and North Washington. Illinois Consolidated has built a new building and fenced in the property across the street from his property. There is limited parking; the employees are parking on the street. Since then when there are functions around the square such as the Chilifest, people are parking in front of his property which is preventing him from getting his trucks out of the back of the property. He is requesting No Parking Signs be placed on the

West Side of Washington Street from Poplar Street to Vine Street. The East side is already No Parking. Mr. Assad was informed no action could be taken on this issue at this time, it would need to go to Street & Sewer and the Ordinance Committee, an Ordinance would have to be prepared.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Jim Olive, Chairman
Street & Sewer Committee