

Public Works Committee
Monday, December 3, 2018 @ 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Public Safety Building
321 S. Fourth Street

Members Present: Alderpersons Lisa Reeves, Tom Majewski and Matt Bartlett

Absent/Excused: Sid Boersma

Absent:

Staff: Mayor Swadley, Director of Planning & Development Rodney Scheel

Guests: Dennis Kittleson

Call to Order: *Bartlett* called the meeting to order

1) **Communications:** No Communications

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

2) **Approve November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Majewski, seconded by Reeves to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0. (Mayor voted yes)

3) **Discussion and Action for Sidewalk Installation as part of the 2019 Street Project**

Lowell Street (Monroe St. to Page St.) – The Committee discuss the challenges associated with infilling sidewalk on the south side of the street such as needing to acquire property or easements and proximity of houses to the right-of-way. Majewski desires the reconstructed curb line to match the existing shape mid-block to assist with traffic speed. It was discussed that the missing segment on the north side near Page Street is to be infilled as part of this project. **Motion by Majewski, seconded by Reeves to not install sidewalks on the south side of Lowell Street as part of the 2019 project and to reconstruct the curb line to match the existing mid-block jog. Motion carried 4-0. (Mayor voted yes)**

South Page Street (Lowell St. to Milwaukee St.) – While not technically part of the 2019 Project, we see another opportunity to infill a missing link by adding sidewalk on the west side of S. Page Street from Lowell Street to Milwaukee Street adjacent to the City Park. **Motion by Reeves, seconded by Majewski to include sidewalk on the west side of Page Street as part of the 2019 project. Motion carried 4-0. (Mayor voted yes)**

Monroe Street (Milwaukee St. to Lowell St.) – Monroe Street is not planned for reconstruction in 2019, however, staff did review this section to see if sidewalks could be reasonably added on the east side of Milwaukee Street in this one block segment. Based on preliminary survey work, it does not appear that Monroe Street is centered in the existing right-of-way. The street is also not parallel to the right-of-way. This means that we would likely need to acquire right-of-way or easements to construct sidewalk along the east side of this block while maintaining a grass terrace. Alternatively, we could install a 6 foot wide sidewalk in this block with no terrace. Regardless, temporary easements will be needed for grading and/or retaining wall construction. **Motion by Bartlett, seconded by Majewski to include sidewalk on the east side of Monroe Street as part of the 2019 project. Motion carried 4-0. (Mayor voted yes)**

Patterson Street (Monroe St. to Harrison St.) - Currently no sidewalks exist on the south side of Patterson Street. Sidewalks are continuous on the north side of the street. This street is planned for reconstruction in 2019 and per City policy, sidewalks are planned to be installed on the south side as part of the project. **Motion by Majewski, seconded by Reeves to confirm City policy and installed sidewalk on the south side of Patterson Street as part of the 2019 reconstruction project. Motion carried 4-0. (Mayor voted yes)**

Grant Street (Prospect St. to Taft St) - The 2019 Budget includes pulverization from McKinley Street to Taft Street and the 2020 CIP planned to reconstruct from Prospect Street to McKinley Street. Recent survey and evaluation has provide more information on the condition of both segments. The north block between Taft Street and McKinley Street is 37 feet back to back while the south block between McKinley Street and Prospect Street is 29 feet back to back. The new street design is planned to match the existing widths. Staff recommends that the 2019 Pulverization project from McKinley Street to Taft Street be changed to a reconstruction project and added to the 2020 reconstruction project with the segment from Prospect Street to McKinley Street.

If the project is changed from a pulverization project to a reconstruction project the sidewalk installation policy indicates sidewalks are to be installed on **both sides** of the street from Prospect St. to Taft St. No sidewalk exists along the east side of Grant Street in the two block segment. Sidewalk currently exist on the south 2/3rds of the southern block. Existing garages are very near the right-of-way on the east side of the southern block.

Motion by Majewski, seconded by Reeves to change the planned 2019 pulverization project (from McKinley St. to Taft St.) to a reconstruction project in 2020 with the segment from Prospect St. to McKinley St. and to install sidewalks only the west side of Grant Street (both blocks) making efforts to protect the tree on the southwest corner of Grant St and McKinley St. Motion carried 4-0. (Mayor voted yes)

- 4) **Cancellation of Regular December Public Works Meeting:** Since no pressing issues are anticipated, the Committee decided to cancel the regular December meeting.
- 5) **Future Agenda Items:** Minimum Maintenance Standards

Moved by Majewski seconded by Reeves to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Rodney Scheel