April 2, 2019 Street Committee – Minutes

The City of Adel’s Street Committee met at Adel City Hall, 301 S. 10th Street, Adel, Iowa, in the Council Chambers on April 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Christensen and Selby. Miller was absent. Others in attendance: Council members McAdon and Ockerman, City Administrator Brown, Public Works Director Overton, McClure rep. Schug, and Chamber President Bengtson.

Selby motioned, seconded by Christensen, to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began with resident Linda Johnson addressing the committee about an issue near 6th and Main Street. Johnson noted that there is a dip in the road and some asphalt is up in the yard. The curb also needs repair.

Christensen stated that this and other streets need a full comprehensive review, especially after the harsh winter. Overton noted that this area’s brick streets are in need to review. Overton also stated that North 15th Street needs to be reviewed after the storm water project. Christensen asked whether the City will receive any federal funding from the recent flooding. Overton stated that the City will be requesting funding for the dam and the wellfields.

Discussion moved to the possible extension of 289th Place near Ortonville and R-16. Bengtson stated that a party is interested in purchasing the Ortonville Land Company’s 18 acres just east of EW Nutrition.

Christensen noted that an option to extend 289th Place was vetoed in late 2017 and upheld in early 2018. The City’s Future Land Use Plan, which was updated in September 2018, shows R-16 curving north of HWY 6. The County also repaired a portion of R-16 south of HWY 6.

The committee agreed that it would be helpful to bring stakeholders together and move forward on this issue. Ockerman noted that the R-16 / HWY 6 intersection will become busier with the MidAmerican Energy facility to the south. Christensen stated that Dave Mulcahy of Monarch, a property owner in the area, wrote a letter supporting a discussion on the road and the type of businesses in the area.

Schug noted that a RISE grant would require a 50/50 split and advised that the City should not spend any funds to extend 289th Place. Christensen asked Brown to send him the contacts of the stakeholders. Brown will also provide information on the zoning in this area.

Discussion moved to revising the City’s snow emergency ordinance. Overton stated that the draft language would give the City more flexibility. Selby noted that Waukee has a 48-hour timeline, but Overton is fine with 24 hours.

Selby moved, seconded by Christensen, to recommend the revised snow emergency ordinance to the council. Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, Christensen stated that the City had met with the school to discuss the district’s new elementary school. Christensen noted that ADM’s major concern is safety. If roundabouts are not a part of the plans, ADM will take this into consideration. Schug noted that the DOT’s comments on the proposed HWY 169 Growth & Safety Projects may be delayed due to the flooding in western Iowa.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Brown, City Administrator