July 2, 2019 Street Committee – Minutes

The City of Adel’s Street Committee met in the council chambers of Adel City Hall, 301 S. 10th Street, Adel, Iowa 50003 on July 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Christensen, Miller, and Selby. Others: Council members McAdon and Ockerman, City Administrator Brown, Public Works Director Overton, Finance Director Sandquist, McClure rep. Schug, and several residents from the Bear Estates neighborhood.

Selby motioned, seconded by Miller, to approve the June 4, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began on the proposed HWY 169 Growth & Safety Projects. Schug stated that the DOT has asked for a traffic corridor study that may cost up to $65,000. Schug and McClure will be reviewing this request and asking the DOT to participate in the project. Schug noted that the study area may be expanded.

Miller stated that the City has other projects and roads to consider. Christensen noted that the City has already spent a considerable amount on the HWY 169 projects (i.e., approximately $192,000). Schug noted that, as a last resort, the City could use the Timberview West and Southbridge escrow funds to install turn lanes.

Schug stated that McClure will ask the DOT for this latest study request to be the definitive study. Ockerman suggested that the State allow cities to lower speed limits on local highways.

Christensen noted that the ADM bond election passed, which may affect the City’s plans for Meadow Road. Ockerman stated he would prefer to prioritize a list of all street improvements. Selby stated that the City has not committed anything regarding Meadow Road. McAdon noted that ADM has not submitted a site plan. Schug stated that any paving of gravel roads be consistent. Christensen noted that Meadow Road will be important as areas around the new school develop.

Discussion moved to the HWY 169 Bridge. Overton noted that the DOT is performing more survey work.

Discussion moved to the potential paving of 288th Trail. Schug provided concepts and noted that paving from Prospect to the gravel pit road would cost approximately $2.31 million. Schug noted that the assessment estimates varied greatly. James West, Jr. stated that curb and gutter is not in the Bear Estates neighborhood.

Christensen asked about the City’s debt service. Selby asked whether there are other revenue sources available. Brown will contact PFM. Ockerman noted that Dallas County should be contacted. Schug noted that any farm land assessed that is not developed will be ag-deferred.

Discussion moved to the potential extension of 289th Place. Christensen will have an update next month.

Discussion moved to the overlay projects. Overton stated that seeding will be addressed this fall. Schug noted that the ADA required updated sidewalk approaches along the project.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Brown, City Administrator