August 6, 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 August 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Members present: Christensen, Miller, and Selby. Others: Council members McAdon and Ockerman, City Administrator Brown, Police Chief Shepherd, Public Works Director Overton, McClure rep. Schug, and a resident from the Bear Estates neighborhood.

Selby motioned, seconded by Miller, to approve the July 2, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began on the proposed HWY 169 Growth & Safety Projects. Schug stated that the DOT is requesting additional information that may require a $45,000 study. Schug will work to schedule a meeting with the DOT.

Schug stated that the Meadow Road estimates are approximately $1.267 million for a rural cross section and approximately $4.1 million for an urban cross section. Christensen stated that paving Meadow will be an important question with the new elementary school nearby. Schug stated that the City will request a traffic study. Christensen stated that the new Casey’s is working on paving a portion of Meadow near HWY 169.

Discussion moved to the potential paving of 288th Trail. Schug provided rural and urban estimates for three sections: Prospect to Quail; Quail to gravel pit road; and gravel pit road to the river. The estimates assume the project would be split between Eric Grubb’s Prospect Pointe development and the Bear Estates subdivision. Overton stated that he preferred the first section to Quail. Brown provided the 2017 Street CIP list that was developed by the previous committee. Christensen stated that the committee should devote its next meeting to reviewing all street projects.

Brown provided PFM’s analysis and debt service model of the 288th Trail project. Using normal methods, the earliest the project could be done is FY22-23. However, it could be done sooner if the City chose to sell an annual appropriation bond, which would cost more in interest. Ockerman noted that the City’s debt service levy would increase even if assessments were used. Overton suggested Eric Grubb could partner with the residents and the County to pave the road. Schug will ask City Attorney Kristine Stone about this concept.

Discussion moved to the traffic on South 11th Street near Greenwood Hills Drive. Miller stated that resident Kevin Custer has requested action to alleviate the safety issues. Shepherd stated that he observed a site-distance issue with the incline of the road. Overton stated that limited “No Parking” near the intersection could address the issues.

Selby motioned, seconded by Miller, to recommend limited “No Parking” areas on South 11th Street near Greenwood Hills Drive and to provide notification for the September 10 council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion moved to parking on the downtown square. Shepherd provided an update on parking issues and advised the committee to begin considering alternative methods for the downtown square.

Discussion moved to the potential extension of 289th Place for businesses in the Ortonville area. Christensen stated he has talked with Monarch and expects to have an updated next month.

In other business, Brown provided a brief update on a change to the City’s sidewalk maintenance ordinance.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony Brown, City Administrator