Minutes for a Special Meeting of the

Lamberton City Council

November 8, 2018 – 7:00 PM Community Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

 Present: Mayor T. Neperman, L. Sik, D. Knutson, L. Bittner, D. Irlbeck

 Others in Attendance: Clerk M. Peterson, J. Thram, A. Kehren, several community members

II. ADOPT AGENDA

III. PETITIONS, REQUESTS & COMMUNICATIONS

A) Mayor Neperman opened the public hearing on improvement at 7:00 p.m. He stated the reason for the public hearing was to present information regarding improvements including street surfacing, watermain, water services, sanitary sewer, sanitary sewer services, storm sewer, curb & gutter, roadway pavement, walk, driveway pavement and boulevard restoration on the following locations:

● Third Avenue from Ilex Street (CSAH 6) to Ash Street

● Fourth Avenue from Ilex Street (CSAH 6) to Ash Street

● Ash Street from First Avenue to Fifth Avenue

Andy Kehren, Bolton & Menk, presented the proposed improvements known as the 2019-2020 Infrastructure Improvements. He stated there was a similar hearing on improvement earlier in the year for part of these improvements; however, the bids did not come in as expected so the council rejected the bids in anticipation of rebidding early next year. The council requested Bolton & Menk to change the feasibility report to include additional improvements and this required a new public hearing on improvement.

In addition to the improvements identified earlier in the year, Ash Street is proposed to be included to the improvement as well as Douglas Street to Ash Street on both 3rd and 4th Avenues. There will be sanitary sewer on one (1) block of 3rd Avenue but there is no sanitary sewer on 4th Avenue. The sanitary sewer along Ash Street dates back more than 100 years. There is a concrete structure on Ash that is an old lift station and the goal was to eliminate this structure and put in a gravity sewer that would drain to the new lift station that was put in about ten (10) years ago. The water would be routed back to the new lift station on Ash Street and by doing this, the long-range goal from past council members would be complete before having to put thousands of dollars into the old lift station for repairs.

Water systems improvement involve all streets listed in the improvement study. Water lines that are now 4” diameter will be replaced with 8” or 12” diameter water main. The long-range goal from past council members was to get a 12” water main across the highway and follow towards the school and out to the new development areas on the south side of town. With new water and sewer lines being replaced, service lines to properties will also be replaced from the new mains to the right-of-way line.

Douglas Street has the larger diameter storm sewer and the proposed storm sewer improvements on 3rd & 4th Avenues will add to the storm sewer improvements that were started years ago. The intent will be to remedy the drainage issues along Ash Street by the installation of storm sewer. There is no storm sewer along Ash Street except for an existing inlet in the alley from Ash Street between 4th & 5th Avenues that drains to Birch Street and an old storm sewer that originates at 2nd Avenue and goes diagonally under a house or two to an extension of a 36” diameter storm sewer that was installed because of the flooding that happened there. The council’s response to that flooding was to add the 36” pipe with a bunch of intakes to get the water into the pipe that goes east and then north, ultimately discharging to the ditch north of town. By installing storm sewer along Ash Street, some of the pressure will be relieved from the storm sewer going south and to Dutch Charlie Creek. It will also help to eliminate the storm sewer and underground utilities in the alley when it is cost effective. The extension on 1st Avenue can then be routed back to Ash Street, so it is not under houses. There will be boulevard trees that are too close to the edge drains behind the curb that will not be replaced.

Roadway reconstruction is proposed on both truck routes and residential streets. In general, a 40’ width is typical with pavement having 3½” of bituminous and 14” of aggregate. If the subgrade is soft, a geo-textile fabric will be lain. The fabric acts as a separation to prevent the clay from damaging the aggregate surface. The heavier street pavement will be a 5” layer of bituminous and 14” of aggregate and the geo-textile fabric. There is a two (2) block area on 4th Avenue between Douglas and Birch that is a wider street.

After explaining the work to be included, Mr. Kehren presented the summary of the project cost to be $3,592,000. Of that amount, approximately $897,800 would be paid by special assessments imposed to the properties directly impacted with footage on the project route. Andy reviewed the City of Lamberton Special Assessment Policy and estimated assessment rates and estimated timelines before turning the meeting back to Mayor Neperman who opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

 A member of the public asked about interest rates and how long the assessments would run and if it is known what the assessment per lot will be. The engineer stated a preliminary assessment roll has been prepared; however, this meeting is the improvement hearing where it will be determined if the improvement will be ordered. If the improvement is ordered, there are several steps that take place and one of those steps is for an assessment hearing. It is at that time when the assessment roll will be presented, and the details voted upon.

A resident on Ash Street had multiple questions about the storm sewer on Ash Street. The engineer explained the intent of the improvement will be to eliminate any old storm sewer lines and install new storm sewer on Ash Street with catch basins and intakes on both sides of the street. The engineer stated the road will also be cut down to remove the crown that formed over the years. It is a known fact there is some sanitary sewer that exits into the storm sewer, but it will need to be located to be fixed. There was discussion regarding the easement the City of Lamberton has with Meadowland (where the storm sewer is located underneath one of their buildings) and what the plans are to eliminate all the excess water in this general area. City officials, the engineer and this resident will meet to further discuss some of the questions and concerns for the council to have the necessary understanding to make an informed decision.

Many of the other questions, concerns and comments can be summed up by stating the intent of the improvement is not to inconvenient any resident; however, there will be many inconveniences that are not avoidable but the city, engineers and the contractors will do their best to make it as invasive of a process that they can by minimizing the impact on the residents. There will likely be uncontrollable conditions not fit to work in where the contractor may have to stop for the day or a week to not jeopardize the quality of work just to meet a deadline. There will be periods of time you will not be able to get to your driveway and must park a distance away, but the contractor will be responsible to coordinate all events with you and give notice in advance of these events with the intent to accommodate you with the least amount of inconvenience as possible. Mailboxes and trash cans will be addressed by the contractor during the project and temporary water connection will be used with the intent of no or very little interruption of water service. Communication between all parties is an essential part to the success of any major change and that includes the residents.

Maintenance Supervisor Thram stated there will be necessary tree removal in multiple locations. He stated no one will be landlocked and the entire community will be affected in one way or another and if there are questions or concerns to please contact him. Lead service pipes in private service lines will be identified and communicated to the proper person in the case of discovery.

Mayor Neperman closed the public hearing portion of the meeting for council discussion.

IV. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

 A) Irlbeck moved, seconded by Sik for unanimous approval of Resolution 2018-20 A Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for the proposed 2019-2020 Infrastructure Improvement/

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Knutson moved, seconded by Sik for unanimous approval to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Madonna Peterson, Clerk Terry Neperman, Mayor

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