

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes, 2/12/10

Present: Ron Adam, Daryn Hamilton, Michael Halley, Jerry Long

Points of discussion

Jerry Long showed the committee sewer-line video under segments of South 3rd where the clay tile has degraded beyond the point of repair and is therefore in need of replacement. He described the re-lining process that will be utilized to repair as much of the degraded sewer lines as possible, and why it can't be used for segments such as this that are too badly broken. The cost estimate for the repairs is \$101,100.

The water main under Lowe St. from 2nd – 4th was reviewed. It had four reported leaks from 1990-1995 and was slated for replacement in 1997, but the work was never done. The existing line is too shallow and is located under the north side of the street, so the recommendation is to abandon the old line and put in a new 6" main in the City right-of-way on the north side (between the street and sidewalk). A fire hydrant will be added to the N.W. corner of 2nd and Lowe for added safety. The cost estimate for the replacement/upgrades is \$97,500.

In order to receive federal funding to reconstruct South D from Madison – Burlington (4 blocks total) all utility poles and trees within two feet of the street will need to be moved/removed. Halley suggested that home owners who lose trees to this project could be offered free "replacement" seedlings through the Trees Forever program, though the committee decided that this would not be the responsibility of the City.

The estimated construction cost for the Sidewalk Project in Ward 3 is \$286,000. Property owners have received letters explaining that they have until June 18 to either repair their sidewalks themselves or hire their own contractor. After June 18 any unfixed sidewalks will be repaired by a City-hired contractor. Property owners have the option of either paying for the entire cost of repair all at once, or paying it back over a ten year period through their property tax as a 4.5% interest loan.

Madison Ave. from 5th-6th was originally scheduled for resurfacing only, while Madison from 4th-5th was scheduled for complete reconstruction. Cost estimates from Norris Asphalt revealed that it would be less expensive to reconstruct the entire section from 4th-6th.

Daryn Hamilton spoke with a representative for the property owners on Fillmore from Maple – Park to gage their interest in helping to fund street reconstruction. At this time the property owners are not willing to help fund this project, so unless their position changes this project will not be included in the 2012 street repairs.

Recommendations/Actions

- Committee will recommend that the council approve \$101,100 funding to replace portions of the sewer line under 3rd from Jackson – Harrison.
- Committee will recommend that the council approve \$97,500 funding to replace the water main on Lowe from 2nd – 4th, and adding a fire hydrant to the NW corner of 2nd and Lowe.
- Committee will recommend that the council approve reconstructing Madison from 4th-5th.

(Respectfully submitted by Michael Halley)

Signature of Chairperson_____