

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/14/10

Present: Ron Adam, Daryn Hamilton, Michael Halley, Jerry Long, Darrel Bisgard, Derik Wulfekuhle, Julie Harvey, Lauryn Shapter, Dennis Arbaugh

Points of discussion

Derik Wulfekuhle requested, in accordance with City Codes 6.12.060 and 9.92.020, to appoint Pam Craft (current Park Superintendent) as Parks Enforcement Officer to manage off-leash dogs, proper handling of pet waste, swimming violations at the public beach, and other park codes. Julie Harvey approved of this and added that there will be some training so Pam can learn how to handle code enforcement.

Jerry Long reported that the remaining square nodes will be planted by May 15th. The corner of Carpenter and 4th Streets is in need of repair: at this point the City can afford a \$2,000 patch job to fix a gully in the street. Long was able to negotiate with Norris Asphalt Paving Company to lower their bid for resurfacing 16th, Washington, and Court Streets from the original \$418,403.50 to \$362,156.50 (much closer to the \$348,044.00 Engineer's Estimate). Long will contact the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District to see if the City can obtain REAP funding to add pervious materials to the parking lot behind the Convention Center as a way to better manage rainwater runoff.

Long raised the question of letting alternate bids for both concrete and asphalt for the 2010/2011 Street Repair Project as a way to increase competition and possibly lower the costs of the project. Both Long and Bisgard confirmed that asphalt lasts just as long as concrete, so the committee approved Long's request for alternate bidding.

A large sugar maple tree on Cromwell Street that might be damaged by the street repair was discussed. In order to complete the road reconstruction without removing the tree the City will repair the section of street in front of the tree by hand, which costs approximately the same amount of taking down the tree. The owners of the property with the tree were warned that although the City will be working around the tree as much as possible there will still be damage to the root system near the street, and if the tree doesn't survive the City is not liable for the loss. This will be the City's informal policy moving forward with other property owners with large trees in the City right of way: trees will be spared when the cost of removal is equal to the cost of working around them.

The seal coating portion of the 2010 Street Repair Project was discussed. Bisgard is working out exactly which streets will be included within the proposed \$80,000 budget. Priority will be put on those streets in most need of immediate repair.

Halley presented a proposal from SRF Consulting Group, Inc. to provide professional consulting services for quiet zone implementation in the City of Fairfield. This company developed the Quiet Zones for both Burlington and Ames and eighteen other cities in the Midwest. 100% of their fee will be paid for by the Fairfield Railroad Safety & Quiet Zone Committee with no City funds put towards this project. Halley will speak with John Morrissey to work out the details of the financial arrangements before the committee takes the proposal to the full council.

Recommendations/Actions

- Committee will propose the council appoint Pam Craft as a Parks Enforcement Officer.
- Committee will propose adding the Carpenter/4th Streets corner repair for approximately \$2000 to the 2010/2011 Street Repair Project.

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