

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis, Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lewis, Councilmembers Mitchell, Sanders, Ridge and Russo, DPW Director Amy Gilson, City Manager Guetschow and City Clerk Terpstra.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bahmer and Johnston.

Councilmember Bahmer arrived at 7:01 P.M.

PURPOSE: Mayor Lewis explained the purpose of the meeting is to have discussion regarding whether or not council wants to bond for street repair and reconstruction for 2017 and beyond.

Councilmember Russo stated that he feels bonding is double edged. The repairs need to be done, however he doesn't like the idea of still paying for them when they again need repair. He feels there is more streets to be done than what there is money to do.

Councilmember Ridge stated that she is not big on bonding. She feels that it is too much money to be restricted. She would like to see possibly one road pick to bond for.

Councilmember Sanders stated that he is hesitant to do bonds. He doesn't want to be back in the same situation as how State Street turned out. He would be in favor of maybe one street also. He does not feel that bonding is the solution.

City Manager Guetschow explained that the purpose of the meeting is to get a sense of tolerance for debt from council so that staff can have a means to discuss what projects can be done.

Councilmember Ridge stated that she would like to use the additional state revenue money to pay for the bonds. She does not want to make bond payments out of the county road millage monies.

Councilmember Russo stated his concern with settling on debts for future councils to deal with.

Discussion was held on the cost for doing only design work to get an idea on costs for projects.

Councilmember Bahmer stated that he would like a pay as they go approach to the reconstruction and repairs. He does not like the idea of saddling future councils with debt.

DPW Director Gilson explained several options and costs for road repairs.

Discussion was held on bond payment amounts.

Councilmember Ridge stated that she would be comfortable with a bond payment in the range of \$100,000.00.

Councilmember Russo stated that he would prefer light bond debt under \$100,000.00.

Mayor Lewis stated that he would be comfortable with bond debt of \$200,000.00.

Councilmember Bahmer stated that he would prefer pay as you go approach.

Councilmember Mitchell stated that he does not like debt but would consider \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00 bond debt.

DPW Director Gilson explained the costs associated for street improvements.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Bahmer stated that he looks forward to traveling to work over the smooth tracks on N. Cochran.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she is open to ideas and looks forward to seeing plans.
- Mayor Lewis stated that he appreciates that they can work as a team to put together a plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, second by Ridge to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Tim Lewis, Mayor

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk