

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis, Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lewis, Councilmembers Bahmer, Johnston, Mitchell, Ridge, Russo, Community Development Director Myrkle and City Clerk Terpstra.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders

DISCUSSION REGARDING WORKING TOWARD CONSENSUS FOR STREET PROGRAM:

Mayor Lewis explained the purpose of meeting was to discuss what the shared vision would be on a plan for the streets. There are several options that have been discussed and he would like the council to come to a consensus on which proposal they would like to move forward with.

Council member Bahmer suggested that the council decide on what to do with O-I monies first. He is in favor of an inter fund loan and using the O-I monies exclusively for streets.

CITIZEN COMMENT: Don Sovey, 106 Kensington Ct., suggested that council start with a big picture vision and then look to five, ten and twenty years out. Everyone wants to get to the same end result and it will be a challenge to get there. He stated that there is a good momentum going in the city and the streets need to be a part of that.

Council member Johnston would like to generalize the ballot language for the O-I funds. He is in favor of getting bonds.

Council member Mitchell would like the O-I funds structured to be paid back.

Council member Ridge questioned how the O-I monies are currently invested.

Council member Russo stated that the \$800,000 is not going to go very far on the roads. He feels that it may be used better for other things. He would like this to be paid back if used and have a protection for that in place for the voters.

City Manager Guetschow explained that the charter amendment and bond issue are two separate issues. Discussion was held on whether or not the two could be tie barred together.

Council member Sanders arrived at 7:29 P.M.

Council member Ridge stated that she would like to expand on the infrastructure that the money could be used on to possibly include economic development, pocket park, parks and other things that may come up in the community.

Council members asked the City Manager to prepare a plan for the the next meeting from the discussion on the street plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Heather Johnston, 311 S. Sheldon, stated that she feels the \$1.2 million bond is the way to go. She stated that they need to build the phases, show to the public and give a full presentation of the project. She feels that now is the best time for bonding.

Don Sovey, 106 Kensington Ct., stated that he has been involved with many bond issues. He stated that they need to explain the needs, survey the people and do a feasibility study for the project. He does not feel that we are ready for a bond issue.

Daryl Baker, 406 E. Third, stated that he appreciates the councils efforts to come up with a plan for the street projects. He stated that streets were petitioned to be reconstructed with the city paying 1/3 of the cost and the property owners paying 2/3 of the cost.

City Manager Guetschow thanked council for excusing him from the last meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Council members thanked everyone for coming and for their comments.

Councilmember Johnston moved, supported by Mitchell to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Tim Lewis, Mayor

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk