



**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 AT 1:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Orrick called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PLEDGE

City Manager Mark Rothert was asked to lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members John Abel, Michael Garrison and Lloyd Orrick were present for roll call.

ALSO PRESENT: City Engineer Michael Guerra, Assistant City Engineer Josie Esker, City Manager Mark Rothert, Operations Supervisor Streets and Solid Waste Brett Olson, City Clerk Sue McMillan and Deputy City Clerk Nicole Stewart. Finance Director Bruce Marston was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Committee Member Garrison to approve the September 16, 2019 Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Abel. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Committee Member Garrison to approve the Committee minutes dated July 31, 2019 and August 19, 2019, seconded by Committee Member Abel. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

City Engineer Michael Guerra gave a general review of the present projects, agenda items 1-4

1. Review of engineering status for the Riverway/Koch St project

Plans were finalized for the drainage issue at entry to the Riverway Business Park. Met with property owners KMI and Excalibur Seasoning who were supportive of the project. Easements documents were received from the engineering firm last week and will work to get them signed. Scope of Work and bid is planned to be ready for October depending acquiring the easements.

2. Review and Discussion of bids received for the Vista Grande project

Received 5 bids on September 12, 2019 for re-bidding the project that originally came in over estimate. Talked to new bidding company who came in slightly over original estimate. Guerra was comfortable with the amounts and recommended moving forward. Motion by Committee Chair Orrick, seconded by Committee Member Abel to recommend to the City Council to award the contract to Hein Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$354,962.19.

3. Review of engineering status for Deerfield Estates Section 5 & 6

Both engineers busy previous week with both street improvement projects with several different

contractors finishing up construction at the same time and were unable to survey the Whitetail area. Letter of Understanding to access the property will be drafted to be signed by Rick Evans for access and modification of the land. Rental of the dozer to cut the ditch to be completed by the Street Department has been lined up for end of September and it is anticipated that this project will be completed by fall.

4. Review of engineering status for Lake Kennedy/Brentwood Ditch Study

Midwest Engineering completed walking the ditch in order to start the modeling. Expecting to receive the initial report in October and completion by the end of the year.

5. Discussion on proposed options for Desoto Drive Ditch

1:45 p.m.

City Manager Rothert asked the Committee to accept a call in phone conversation from Terry Laaker 2006 Desoto Court. Mr. Laaker presented his opinion that the issues of Desoto Court were caused by lack of maintenance and incorrect design and revisions to the culvert. Excessive erosion and overflow caused water damage to his home, sump-pump and drain tile, undermined the sidewalk and has pushed silt, mud and debris damaging the street. The City insurance company denied his claim. He asked that the damages be the responsibility of the City. Call ended.

Discussion followed on the ditch overtopping during heavy rains. The committee was advised that Mr. Laaker was asked to relocate outlets to not drain into the ditch by the City but has not been done so far. Guerra reported he had reached out to Farnsworth for estimates on modeling the ditch. The survey was estimated at \$14,500 and plans approximately \$20,000 additional in engineering. Committee Member Garrison who had walked the ditch suggested grass planting was needed to deter erosion by adjourning property owners. Committee Member Orrick stated there were 2 different water issues; overtopping of the ditch and the Laaker basement flooding matter. He was in favor of City correspondence that the drains from the Laaker home were public nuisance and had to be relocated. Direction was given to continue scheduled maintenance of rock dams.

2:20 p.m.

Committee Member Abel left the meeting.

6. Continue to Update Storm Water Improvement Plan

A spreadsheet of Additional Storm Water Projects was distributed for discussion purposes. Committee was told that the City engineers prioritized 7 projects based on safety concerns first. Estimated costs were noted for Sunset Golf Course, Williamsburg Ct, Veerman and Sheridan, Brookview Terrace, Gale Court, Pekin Heights, 2608 Willow. Four identified flooding problems would be completed by the Street Department in 2019, 7th Street alley, Deerfield, Mall Road, and 1917 Sierra Court.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Mrs. Johnson questioned the tree cutting being done at Velde Drive. The Committee was asked if the weeds at curb line could be sprayed on Velde and were told that the City was not licensed to spray. Mr. Johnson questioned if the City engineer had talked to Abel Vault.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE SUB COMMITTEE

Motion by Committee Member Garrison seconded by Committee Member Orrick to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

City Clerk

Sue E. McMillan