



**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nutter called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

PLEDGE

Public Properties Director Dean Schneider, led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman David Nutter, Committee Member Becky Cloyd and Committee Member Lloyd Orrick were present for roll call.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Justin Reeise, City Engineer Josie Esker, Public Property Director Dean and City Clerk Sue McMillan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Committee Member Orrick to approve the June 18, 2022 Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Cloyd. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Committee Member Cloyd to approve as written the Committee minutes dated April 18, 2022 and May 16, 2022, seconded by Committee Member Orrick. Motion carried by voice vote.

BUSINESS

City Engineer Josie Esker reported to the Committee on the status of the following projects:

1. Court Street Update

Valle Vista to 8th Street. Waiting for Phase 1 approval from IDOT Valle Vista to 8th Street. They are delayed with grant applications. Have addresses and phone numbers of approximately 60 owners of properties. Begin construction 2023 unless owners are reluctant to sell. Plats are finished with pre-written letters to mail. Ameren has completed site review hoping to begin their work in the Fall. Working on design with utilities. Have not finalized costs for lights and fiberglass poles but will bring those costs back to Council.

2. Derby Street Update

Hanson working on preliminary reconstruction design. Submitted intersection for review to IDOT. Applications submitted for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) through Tri-County Regional Planning along with Court Street, \$3 million submitted for each. Two months for review for the 2025-2026 funding. Staff putting together a lining project.

3. Downtown Update

Application to DCEO made for sidewalk, sewer for \$3 million. Task Order to TERRA for ADA upgrades made. Discussion followed on money available or reallocated for snow removal.

4. Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Project Update

City Engineer Esker checked the flooding area during a storm event and pulled manhole lid. Inlet needs upsizing. Staff will work on design.

5. Tharp Street Storm Sewer Project Update

Staff working on easements to be signed.

6. Highwood Levee Update

Public Works Director Reeise reported Department of Natural Resources (DNR) engineer finished the report. He also spoke with the new owners of Sunset Hills / Mashies. One of the property owners cannot be located. The City has not taken ownership of either dam. Steve Bresnahan questioned the Committee on ownership. It was explained that Federal and State law regulate the dams not the City and in 1979 seepage was identified. If there were a risk of failure the State has the right to drain the lakes. Mr. Reeise questioned how much tax dollars do City residents want to spend to maintain a private lake. The matter would be a Council policy issue.

7. Deduct Meter Policy Update

Mr. Reeise asked for the Committee further direction on allowing the meters. Committee Member Orrick suggested sending letters to the bigger users and meet to discuss. He also proposed an intergovernmental agreement with Park District because of their high volume of water for irrigation.

8. Sewer Lining Project Update

Staff working on easements to be signed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Matthew Johnson addressed the members on the Highwood Levee project. He noted the vocal naysayers would attend the suggested second public meeting and those residents were in part the reason for the issues in the Farnsworth inspection reports by letting the Home Owners Association become defunct. Mr. Johnson supported the use of the survey monkey for public input. He questioned the discussion regarding moving a retention pond and replacing in a different area in order to accommodate a location request for construction of a new restaurant.

Chairman Nutter asked the status of the tree removal at the riverfront. Reeise and Esker reported that Homer had taken on work while the City was waiting the approval from the Railroad to move forward and now that the project is a go to remove trees Homer is delayed and not responded to a scheduled date.

The State Street lift station project has all been ordered and will be improved with an electrically actuated gate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE SUB COMMITTEE

No other business to come before the Committee, motion by Committee Member Orrick, seconded by Committee Member Cloyd to adjourn.

Chairman Nutter adjourned the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
City Clerk
Sue E. McMillan