



**PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nutter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE**

Committee Member Orrick led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman David Nutter and 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, Interim City Manager City Manager Bruce Marston, Street Department Supervisor Brian Franciscovich and City Clerk Sue McMillan. Available: Cindi Loos - Hanson Engineering, Derby Street Design and Jason Heinekamp - Terra Engineering, Downtown Design and Broadway ADA Ramp Design.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Committee Member Orrick to approve the November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of November 21, 2022 Rescheduled Meeting Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Cloyd. Motion carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Committee Member Cloyd to approve the Minutes dated September 19, 2022 as written, seconded by Committee Member Orrick. Motion carried by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Traffic Lights Removal at Court & 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

Ms. Esker informed the members that the traffic signals at the intersection of Court Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street were recently evaluated by Terra Engineering LTD as part of their roadway and ADA ramp design for the downtown project. Terra Engineering found that this intersection did not meet any of the warrants for traffic signals and recommended to the City that these signals be removed during the project. She advised that the signals were switched at this intersection to flashing to evaluate how a four-way stop would function. Eliminating the signals and installing a four-way stop would save approximately \$200,000 in project costs and would also save money in annual maintenance of the signals.

Members discussed concerns that traffic could back up into the Margaret Street intersection during peak hours. It was recommended that it be considered by the full Council.

**2. Street Lights on Broadway**

Ms. Esker asked direction when to bring forward the cost for relocation of utility poles. It was recommended to bring to Council in the Terra Broadway Design Project with the ADA ramps.

### **3. Court Street Upgrades – Ameren, Century Link, & Comcast**

City Engineer Esker and Hanson representative Cindi Loos presented costs for aesthetic upgrades so that the overhead power and communication lines no longer cross the road. Above ground power lines would remain on each side of the road. Staff worked with the three power and communication providers that have above ground cables on the Court Street Project to change the wood poles to fiberglass poles. The almost \$1 million excessive cost for these pole upgrades was discussed. It was recommended to decline the fiberglass option and to utilize new wooden poles. Covering the cost to move all aerial communication and power line street crossings underground was also discussed, and the committee recommended that decision be brought to full council.

It was also reported to the Members that staff was meeting with property owners and processing paperwork for property acquisition. Thirty-five offer letters for right of way were sent.

### **4. Snow Removal on Sidewalks Discussion**

Members were advised the City put out an RFP for snow removal for an outside contractor to remove snow on the key areas within the City where not reasonable for homeowners to be expected to plow snow on sidewalks. The City received no bids from contractors and staff planned to clear the sidewalks from list presented to the committee at September meeting. Staff sought direction on purchasing a smaller model skidsteer that will fit better on the narrow sidewalk width, a hydraulically angled broom and snow v-blade. It was recommended to buy one that could be used for other application and to and rent another.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE SUB COMMITTEE**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Chairman Nutter adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
City Clerk