

**SANDSTONE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, February 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Spartz, Palmer, Kester, Gaede

Members absent: Riley

Staff present: Administrator George

Others present: Streets & Parks Supervisor Craig Hiler, SEH Engineer Greg Anderson

SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Work Session: Street Improvement Projects

The Council met with Streets & Parks Supervisor Hiler and SEH Engineer Anderson to discuss potential street projects. Anderson had provided a memorandum dated December 2, 2019 detailing three projects he and Hiler are recommending for consideration:

- 1) Minnesota Street from Grant Avenue to Pine Avenue (curb, gutter, bituminous paving, restoration of driveways with concrete aprons, turf restorations, and storm sewer at Pine; additionally, stormwater on Minnesota would be directed to Pine). Estimated project cost is \$245,000 including engineering and 10% contingency.
- 2) Court Avenue from 3rd Street to Minnesota Street (replacing 8-inch sanitary sewer with PVC, precast manholes, new PVC service lines, upgrading the 4-inch water main to 6-inch, new hydrants and service lines, replacing the existing storm sewer, new curb and driveway aprons). Estimated project cost is \$1,000,000 including engineering and 10% contingency.
- 3) 5th Street from Commercial Avenue to Park Avenue (new curb & gutter, street paving, replacing utility crossings). Estimated project cost is \$340,000 including engineering and 10% contingency.

The City has also been preparing for some work on Pine Avenue in conjunction with MN DOT's State Highway 123 project (replace sewer, a culvert, curb & gutter, address storm sewer, aggregate base and bituminous surface). Estimated project cost is \$350,000.

The total of these four projects is \$1,935,000. Administrator George received information from Mike Bubany of David Drown Associates on financing a \$2,000,000 project. Payments on a 15-year bond would be about \$165,000 per year. Payments on a 20-year bond would be about \$135,000 per year. The City currently budgets \$180,000 per year for street projects.

Discussion turned to the Court Avenue project; specifically, whether or not sanitary sewer needs to be replaced and whether or not the 4-inch watermain needs to be upgraded. Since there hasn't been a problem with sanitary sewer, it was thought that a sliplining project could be done in the future if a problem arises. The Sandstone Health Care Center water comes from the main on Division, which is a 12" line. Therefore, it is not necessary to upgrade the watermain in Minnesota. These two changes could shave off about \$200,000 from the project cost, allowing the City to do additional projects.

Hiler also presented his list of overlay projects that he would like to do, which included:

- 1st Street from Pine to Grant
- Division Street from Pine to Palisade
- Washington Street from the nursing home to Palisade

- Jefferson Street from Grant to Court
- Grant Avenue from Jefferson to 3rd
- Oriole Street
- Jay Street
- Lark Street / Birch Avenue
- 6th Street from Court to the water tower
- 4th Street from Court to Park
- Park Avenue from 3rd to 6th

The street overlay budget currently has a balance of \$293,295 available for projects. Council Member Kester stated that he would like to see 6th Street from Court to the water tower and Commercial Avenue from 3rd to 6th done as part of the 4 projects previously discussed.

After discussion, motion by Kester, second by Palmer, to proceed with the following street improvement projects:

- **Minnesota Street from Grant to Pine**
- **Court Avenue from 3rd to Minnesota**
- **5th Street from Commercial to Park**
- **Pine Avenue in conjunction with the State Highway 123 project**
- **6th Street from Court to the water tower**
- **Commercial Avenue from 3rd to 6th**

Motion passed 4-0.

Administrator George then asked for discussion about replacement of equipment. She stated that Hiler is very diligent about shopping around to find the best deal and sometimes he has to move quickly to make a purchase, there isn't always time to bring it to Council. George stated that Hiler has made the following purchases this past year:

- 2005 Chevy Pickup for \$15,575.43
- Pothole Patcher for \$17,707.00
- 2015 Chevy Pickup with 2 plow attachments for \$46,000.00
- 2019 Toro for three annual payment of \$19,787.88 each
- 2006 Sterling Plow for \$40,000

Some of these items did come to Council for approval, but for some there was no time to bring them to Council. The Equipment budget currently has a balance of \$148,688.69. Hiler reviewed some of the upcoming equipment upgrades/purchases he is looking into. Consensus of the Council was that Administrator George is responsible for managing the budget and the Council is comfortable with her making these decisions, as long as the purchases fall within the boundaries of the budget.

ADJOURN

Motion Palmer, second Gaede to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Peter Spartz, Mayor

Kathy George, Administrator