

City of Decorah Street Committee Meeting Monday, July 8, 2019 – 4:00pm

The City of Decorah Street Committee met on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 4:00pm. Chair Ross Hadley called the meeting to order.

Kirk Johnson, and Randy Schissel were present.
Absent, Dan Bellrichard.

Others in attendance: Mayor Lorraine Borowski, Steve Luse, Johanna Bergan, City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath, City Engineer Jeremy Bril, and City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

Discussion regarding South Short Street and future development plans

1. Scott Milburn, Director of Operations
Stanley Engineered Fasteners

Discussion on Locust Road and proposed scope of project timeline

Discussion and review of 2019 – 2020 street projects / plans

Hadley opened the discussion and asked if the committee was alright with reordering the agenda. The discussion then proceeded in the following order;

Discussion regarding South Short Street and future development plans

1. Scott Milburn, Director of Operations
Stanley Engineered Fasteners

Milburn thanked the committee for their time. He reviewed the current expansion development on the Stanley campus and discussed some of the concerns with Kerr Drive. He noted Stanley is working with Lindsay Erdman and hoped the city would participate in some of the improvements needed on Kerr Drive. Bird and Bril noted they hadn't inspected the most recent improvements Stanley had made to their street section and said they would tour the extensions soon.

There was brief discussions regarding the final touches on Short Street and Hadley and Bird noted they were programmed for FY21, later 2020 calendar season.

Discussion and review of 2019 – 2020 street projects / plans

Hadley and Bril reviewed a four-year street plan and Bril had put in some of the pavement condition data for analysis. He reviewed priorities for paving for the next year and possibilities for the following three years.

Hadley noted the list was modified a little to accommodate some of the known detour areas for the pending Locust Road project, namely Ridge Road. There was also discussion regarding pending work on Pole Line Road and North College Drive.

Discussion on Locust Road and proposed scope of project timeline

Bird and Hadley discussed Locust Road and asked the council to confirm the pedestrian / sidewalk component and the scope of work in regard to how far North extend the project.

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Those in attendance noted they approved the College Drive to Shady Lane portion and that it be constructed with an urban cross-section with traditional sidewalks, at five feet wide.

Those in attendance noted they approved the Shady Lane to Pine Crest portion and that it be constructed in a rural cross-section with wider paved shoulders that would then serve as a pedestrian or bike lane. It was discussed this shoulder section would be separated by a white line / indented rumble strip. It was unclear how wide this shoulder section might be.

Those in attendance did not agree on the Pine Crest to Highland Drive section. Hadley noted it might be best to see how the rest of the Aase Haugen build out goes before finishing this upper section of Locust Road.

Bergan noted there are storm water issues and perhaps storm water could be addressed in this area first then the road.

Resident Duane Fenstermann, 814 Locust Road asked if there would be a passing lane. The committee did not believe one was needed.

Johnson noted a passing lane seemed counter-intuitive when the goal was to try and slow traffic down.

Hadley asked if speed zones could be changed during or after the construction.

Johnson reiterated that he wished the council could pave all the way to Highland Drive. Bird noted the Pine Crest to Highland Drive section could be bid as an alternate.

The committee recommended the work be bid to Pine Crest with the Highland Drive section as an alternate.

There was also discussion about whether the project could be completed in one year or if there would be incentives to do so.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.
Respectfully submitted,