

City of Decorah Street Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2019 – 6:25pm

Immediately following the regular city council meeting; approximately 6:25pm.

The City of Decorah Street Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:25pm. Chair Ross Hadley called the meeting to order.

Emily Neal, and Kirk Johnson were present.
Randy Schissel was absent.

Others in attendance: Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Engineer Jeremy Brill, and City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

Bruening Sidewalk Improvement Plan

Hadley asked that this item be moved up on the agenda to accommodate those in the audience that were interested in this item.

Bird introduced an updated site and project layout for this project and noted he had walked the area East of Linden Street with homeowners. He stated that in conversation with them, if complete walkability could be maintained, perhaps some sections of proposed sidewalk could be eliminated. Bird illustrated the areas in question on a map he distributed.

He also noted improvements would otherwise include lights along Park Street and improved ADA and intersection crossings facilities. Hadley and others on the committee agreed to eliminating the Linden Street section, East of Park Street.

2020 / 2021 Street Improvement Plan

Brill introduced and reviewed a draft of the '20 / '21 street plan and he and Hadley walked the committee through proposed projects for those years.

The plan generally consisted of clean-up or extended projects from improvement projects already in the works. There are also several overlay projects on the list.

Hadley and the committee thought the list for these two years looked good and asked Brill to bring the list for approval.

Opinion of Probable Cost – Locust Road

Brill reviewed the OPC from McClure and added a few additional comments to the list. Brill believed final costs would be as noted:

*Locust Road - \$4,331,000
\$5,706,331 all in with engineering etc.*

*Quarry Hill storm = \$785,000
Ridge Road Phase II = \$808,100*

\$7,299,431.

He also asked the committee to consider two additional and ancillary projects; Quarry Hill storm water and Ridge Road detour improvements.

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Ridge Road Improvements

Bril reviewed the plans for improvements to Ridge Road and provided a map of the extent of the proposed work. Hadley noted he was a little concerned about "scope creep" and that the City needed to be a little cautious of the dollars involved in the project.

Bril noted the street is failing and is being undermined by water erosion.

Quarry Street storm water improvements / related to Locust Road Improvements

Bril reviewed McClure Engineering concerns with the storm water pipe sizing along this stretch of street and noted it may have impacts on how the Locust Road storm system will come in to this area, it could cause a backup or undue pressure.

There was interest in looking at design work here in more detail and the committee asked Bril to come back with more firm costs and analysis of the work needed to ensure safe connection to Locust Street storm water conveyance.

Pole Line Road / Bridge and surface improvements

Bird and Bril discussed the Pole Line Road Bridge project and timeline. They noted they recommend the council look into reconstructing the entire Pole Line Road so as to improve its condition and allow it to serve as a truck route if the bridge is also going to be improved.

Bird and Bril also recommended the council select Erdman Engineering and WHKS as the consulting engineers on the project. The committee agreed.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.
Respectfully submitted,

