

City Council Roadwork Planning Workshop

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Present: Wendy Ward, Gwen Roden, Lon Pardun, Kevin Nyenhuis, Charlie Anderson

Citizens present: Ryan Goodman, Scott Spisak, Tommy Boesel

Mayor Nyenhuis called the workshop to order at 6:02pm. Pardun stated this workshop is to review the updated CIP from the City Engineer. Pardun walked through the numbers for all of the proposed projects and the cost increases from the original projection. Pardun then reviewed the projected project costs each year based upon how much the budget increases each year.

Based on the numbers, Pardun will propose a \$50,000 increase in roads which is a 5% increase. Anderson noted there will also be a significant increase in public safety as well, which the Council should consider in August at the budget meeting.

Mayor Nyenhuis noted this increase will take some public awareness as this is a ten year plan and bonding is really not an option for a town this size.

Wendy thanked Pardun and Ryan for putting the information together and believes there is good information available for the residents to understand come budget time.

Nyenhuis questioned if there would be an option to have the surface of Broadway ground down until the work can be done in a year. Ryan noted that leaves open the chance for more patching, erosion and snow issues that would need to be repaired in the interim, and then redone when the actual project is done. Pardun also noted that there is some patching that will need to be done, however the larger the patching done the less money there is for the 2023 projects.

Pardun then presented a proposed no parking zone map for both sides of Maple Street and Third Street, along with emergency vehicle parking only signs posted on Parker Street in front of the Chocolate Shop. There was discussion as to whether the curbs could be painted as well. Anderson stated he has not seen a painted curb violation hold up in court without the no parking signs. Pardun and Anderson both agree that if the signs go up, the City will enforce them. Pardun would like to have Washington County drive through town on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon in order to issue tickets to those violators. This would also be a income generator for the County and the City.

Mayor Nyenhuis is concerned that if we restrict parking downtown then it will move into the residential neighborhood. He is also concerned that installing signs will be a negative visual impact to the tourists. Anderson stated the City is responsible for the businesses and the residents, not the tourists. Pardun noted those signs were not installed at the time the road project was done because they did not want to pollute the downtown, however now there is a problem. He also noted this is a safety issue and the need for emergency vehicles to be able to access those roads.

Ward questioned if there are any parking restrictions on Third street currently and if there could be no parking on one side of the street. There are currently no restrictions, however even allowing parking on

one side would not allow for emergency vehicles. Ward also questioned the cars parked at the gas station as part of the business. Pardun noted those cars are moved on the weekends to the back.

Roden questioned if Maple Street could allow for parking on one side of the street. Many people already park along Maple Street when there are activities in Gazebo park. Pardun noted part of the Village Center Task force plan was to narrow Maple Street, and so he does not believe that is an option.

Another issue with the current parking is the lack of site line by parking within 20 feet of intersection and also parking too close to a crosswalk.

Pardun also noted that outside of the Scoop, there is absolutely no private parking for the downtown businesses.

Nyenhuis questioned if the City look at putting up mobile no parking signs on the weekends and have one person in charge of putting those up and taking those down each weekend from May through October. Anderson would need to look into a time frame for notice as it needs to be by order of the City Council.

The consensus for the Chocolate Shop would be to add a "private drive" sign and move forward. Nyenhuis would like the parking signs be put the residents to decide. Anderson stated again that the Council was elected by the City Council to make these tough decisions and ensure public safety is addressed.

Ryan Goodman believes the biggest public safety concern is Maple Street and that can be addressed before a decision is made on Third Street.

This issue will be added to the July agenda.

Roden moved and Ward seconded to adjourn at 7:22pm. All in favor, motion passed.