

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON

Chair Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, Casey Langan and Sarah Braun. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Police Chief Robert Kowalski, and several citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, September 25, 2020 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, and City Hall.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Braun/Langan motion to approve the August 24, 2020 Public Works Committee minutes as amended passed, all voted in favor.

DISCUSS HENDERSON STREET PARKING FROM MAIN STREET TO NUNN BUSH STREET: A request was made to restrict parking on Henderson Street to the north side only from Main Street to Nunn Bush. Burdick stated this issue has been brought to the committee in the past. The main concern is the street is 4' narrower than streets such as Blanchard Street. Previously, the committee decided to extend the yellow parking restriction from the corner. Burdick received additional concerns from residents and the public works department. Municipal Service Director Howard Moser stated it is difficult for plow trucks to travel the street when cars are parked on both sides. Residents are concerned for safety due to vision restrictions when turning the corner.

Eric Gresen, owner of RockMed Pharmacy, and Haris Redzepagic, 8 Henderson Street voiced opposition to the change. Clint Anderson, 801 N Main Street, recommended limited hours parking restrictions but is not in favor of an all-day permanent restriction.

Brett Oren, 9 Henderson Street, feels it will not affect him. He is concerned if restricting parking on the road will require some to park in their driveway with cars over the sidewalk. Brett stated the Waste Management refuse vehicle has to back onto Main Street with little visibility which is a safety issue. He was concerned that the notification process for residents to respond or attend the meeting was too short.

Braun recommended a trial period to restrict parking on the south side and revisit in the future.

A Burdick/Langan motion to change Henderson Street parking to restrict parking on the south side of the street from Main Street to Nunn Bush passed on a 3-0 roll call vote.

DISCUSS NATURAL LAWN ORDINANCE: The owners of 110 Wileman Drive have asked for permission to maintain a portion of their lawn as a natural lawn which does not meet the City's requirement for maintaining lawns to 6" tall or less. The petitioner, Shane Hurst, stated the area of his lot used as a natural lawn does not border any residential lots and is right up to the golf course. Langan stated he was in favor of natural lawns. He would like to be careful on how to decide on the right process to include all scenarios. Braun recommends not allowing natural lawns to be in the front yard. Burdick would like to see regulations and permits to avoid allowing

residents to not mow their lawn. Flanigan said a permit requirement would allow the City to know which locations have a natural lawn if there were complaints. Langan recommended including language for a rain garden.

The committee would like to move forward with drafting a natural lawn ordinance to include a permit process and plan. At this time, there will not be any enforcement against 110 Wileman Drive.

CONSIDER SOUTH MAIN STREET TRAFFIC DATA: At the prior meeting, the committee asked the Police Department to monitor speed on South Main Street to help determine if traffic calming measures are needed when the road is reconstructed for the design. Chief Kowalski placed the Stalker Radar in two locations on South Main Street. He presented the attached data summary for South Main Street. Langan inquired if the consensus is that speeding is an issue on the street. Kowalski stated based on the data received, speed is not an issue. Burdick said the information presented does not indicate speed tables should be installed at one end of South Main Street only.

The committee agreed to stay with the existing plan with no changes.

CONSIDER 2020 BUDGET: Moser reviewed the proposed 2020 budget to include the following:

1. Cherry and Nunn Bush Streets resurfacing
2. Highway striping on 51 and 59
3. Pollinator Plantings
4. Equipment requests include: air compressor, Tool Cat salt spreader, new barricades and a Bobcat root grapple

Moser stated the Tool Cat salt spreader is his main priority with the Bobcat root grapple as a second. Braun would like to discuss additional roads to be considered for repair in the 2020 budget. She recommended the end of Hemphill Avenue.

STAFF REPORT: Moser gave an update on the street projects including Henderson Street and Henry/Rollin Street. The Veterans Memorial sidewalk was completed. Braun asked about Albion/Rollin St about the manhole higher than the road. Flanigan said the first layer needs to settle prior to the next layer being installed next year.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Langan/Braun motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Howard Moser/jas
Municipal Services Director