

Street and Alley Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 8th, 2021

5:30PM

Present: Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent, Bryan Gartner

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, PWD Hintz, Brett Alan and Bryan Alan

O'Brien Lot Layout:

PWD Hintz presented the Street and Alley Committee with the proposed layout for the O'Brien lot. He stated the cost to concrete the new portion owned by the City of Sidney will be approximately \$18,000 if the City crew does the work and over \$30,000 if the City hires a contractor, as there is about 130 yards of concrete needing to be done. He stated the layout he is proposing adds over 10 new parking spots, but he cannot add more spots, as all rows need to have access to exit and enter via central avenue, not just the alley. He stated that is why he is proposing trees along 2nd Avenue. Alderwoman Christensen asked PWD Hintz if the City crew would have time this summer to do the concrete work, and PWD Hintz stated they have a very full calendar with streets projects, but they would attempt to get it done. He further stated that if they did not get it done this summer they would next. He stated the other options the City could do is asphalt the new area, which would save money but would not hold up nearly as well as the concrete or put the new area to grass and create a green space.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Sergent to recommend approval of moving forward with the City crew concreting and stripping the new City lot when they have time and funding, per the plans presented by PWD Hintz. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion, and all presented voted aye.

PWD Hintz presented the Street and Alley Committee with the idea of purchasing an easy rink skating rink to put on the new area once it is concreted with tables for winter ice skating. He stated currently it costs a minimum of \$4,000 to flood and freeze the Quilling's Park skate rink a year in water alone, whereas with this new rink, which would cost approximately \$10,000 and a chiller that would cost approximately \$2,000, it would only cost around \$1,000 a year to fill and freeze. He stated it would be 80 feet by 40 feet.

Motion was made to by Alderwoman Sergent to recommend the City Council hold off on looking further into purchasing the easy rink skating rink for a later time when funds are available. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion, and all present voted aye.

1. Electronic sign on corner of O'Brien Lot

PWD Hintz stated Mr. Schrader came before the City Council to propose and electronic sign on the corner lot. He stated Mayor Brett Smelser has for years stated he wanted to install a clock on that property if it was ever possible. He stated he reached back out to him and he is still wanting to donate the clock, an example of which PW Hintz presented to the Committee. Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin stated one of the reasons Mr. Schrader wanted an electronic sign is for posting meetings and important City information for the public, which she stated the Chamber has graciously agreed to do. Alderwoman Christensen stated she thinks there is enough electronic signs on Central Avenue and the clock would be a better option, to which Alderman Gartner and Alderwoman Sergent agreed. PWD Hintz stated Bryan Alan, Boys Scout Member, would like to do the planning, work and fundraising for the clock project as his Boy Scouts project. Mr. Alan stated he would work with the City to make sure it is how the City wants and would fundraise for the additional costs associated with the project other than the clock that is already donated.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Sergent to recommend approving Bryan Alan planning, fundraising and doing the work for installing a clock with landscaping and possibly a bench at the location indicated on PWD Hintz plan for the new corner lot. Alderman Gartner seconded the motion, and all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Jessica Chamberlin, City Clerk

Tami Christensen, Committee Chair