

Street and Alley Committee Meeting

Minutes

Mat 10th, 2021

5:00PM

Present: Tami Christensen, Janet Sergent, Joe Stevenson

Absent: None

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Shanks, PWD Hintz, Utilities Manager Anderson, Marvin Stedman

1. Street Improvements in the Alley behind 9th AVE.

Chairman Christensen called the Street and Alley Committee Meeting to order at 5:00PM to discuss some street improvements. Mayor Norby mentioned he has received some calls regarding the alley behind 9th AVE and mentioned that there is an accident waiting to happen over by 9th AVE and the cut across by west side school. Mayor Norby wanted to close the part that is no longer an alley/street that you drive along side of the park, and the alley ends at the park behind Russ Wells old house. Mr. Stedman mentioned he understands on why the city would like to close that road and at one time that road was closed due to farmland. Mr. Stedman said that Charlie Cummings did open that road all the way to Lone Tree when he was Mayor, and it is fine until West Side School started using it for detours recently. Mr. Stedman stated that his surrounding neighbors are refusing to pay to have that alley paved, and thought putting in road base would be sufficed but, it will may not seal properly.

Mayor Norby stated that road is consider an alley and that the city almost paved part of that alley last fall from 9TH AVE to the park, he also said that there is plenty of room for a garbage truck to turn around at the end of it if were to be a dead end. Mr. Stedman stated that many people speed through that alley and he is concerned for the public safety of those who walk in that alley. Mayor Norby mentioned that if someone were to get hurt on that park property the city would be liable. PWD Hintz stated that there is a lot of school traffic along with low-income housing traffic that use that alley the most. Mr. Stedman suggested that the city could install raised up road base with concrete speed bumps to help slow down the traffic, and Mayor Norby said that he believes that the speed bumps will not last in that alley.

Mr. Stedman mentioned that when he built his back lot he brought in a back blade and cut along that edge down to Lone Tree for drainage, and PWD Hintz that there are all kinds of yards back there that do not have proper drainage. Mr. Stedman said that maybe try bringing in the graders with that blade flat, the alley will drop. Utilities Manager mentioned you cannot crown a 20-foot alley, by law it is only 20 feet because the city lot ends at your back property line. Mr. Stedman said there is a lot of gravel that has been pushed over to his approach, and he said he built it up and built a trench for drainage.

PWD Hintz stated that alleys are always built up higher than residential properties due for proper drainage, PWD Hintz said that the only other option is to be closing it off if speed bumps will not

work because it could hinder drainage. Mayor Norby stated that it would be ten time worse if the city would have paved over there by the park because it would of increase the traffic flow. Mr. Stedman mentioned he does not want that alley closed down when a lot of individuals use that alley, Alderwoman Christensen mentioned maybe the city could install speed limit signs to reduce the speed of traffic. Mr. Stedman mentioned that if he must clean up that alley again this winter someone will be getting a bill, PWD Hintz stated that most people will not abide by the speed limit signs, he also mentioned that the city crew can contact Mr. Stedman and see what would work out best for grading that alley.

A general consensus was made for PWD Hintz and the city crew to go doctor up that alley and report back to the Street and Alley Committee after it is completed and see how well it is holding up.

2. Street shut down behind the water treatment plant.

Utilities Manager Anderson stated there is no street there but, therefor it is a ditch property, and no rights are back there. Mayor Norby said that five to six years ago the city council agreed to shut down that street behind the water treatment plant but, just wanted confirmation to officially close it. Utilities Manager Anderson stated that the water department crew still needs access to that road for chemical deliveries that happens maybe four times a year, and he thought installing a gate at the end of 8th AVE would be fine too. PWD Hintz mentioned that there is a sketch he had drawn up and where a fence would be installed a crossed from the bike path, he said he will try to find that drawing and present it to the city council members. PWD Hintz also said that the city garbage trucks still need to go in the alley of 8th AVE and 9th AVE for schedule pickups. Alderwoman Sergent made a motion to approve of blocking off the reclamation right away next to the alley/street at 7th AVE and 8th AVE. Alderman Stevenson seconded the motion, with no discussion all present voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

BreeAnn Shanks- Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer

Tami Christensen, Committee Chair