

Roads & Grounds Committee
Open Session Minutes
July 11th, 2023

In attendance:

Members: Chairman Bill Farnham, Councilman Ed Conley

Absent: Councilman Clarence Liberty

City Staff: John Doyle, Amber Box, Doug Potts, Jason Chapman, Daniel Shelden

Guests: Mayor Sean Wilson, Joseph Mott (Late arrival)

Media: Darrell Maurina, Pulaski County Daily News (Late arrival)

Call to Order – Chairman Farnham called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. A quorum was established.

Citizen Comments – None

Approval of Minutes – a motion was made by Councilman Conley to approve the June 6th, 2023, minutes with the correction of “something” to “sometime” in the Call to Order & Citizens comments paragraph. Motion was seconded by Chairman Farnham. A vote was called.

YEAS – Conley, Farnham

NAYS – None

Motion Passed

197 Sunset Easement – John Doyle stated the easement has been run through legal and is now signed and recorded. John has been in contact with the surveyor and will reach out to the Woodside’s once a survey date is available.

Brentwood Terrace Street Lighting – Daniel Shelden stated he has spoken with Laclede Electric, and they will provide two meters. The subdivision includes approximately 3,200ft of road and with light poles at 200ft increments, it would take 16 poles & lights. Daniel provided a cost breakdown to the committee of \$30,000. This project will be challenging, and it will be 2024 before it can get put on the schedule. The committee discussed the fact that the subdivision was promised street lighting by a previous City Council and the city needs to abide by this promise. A phased approach was recommended. Councilman Conley made a motion to move forward with this project in a 2-year phased approach with 8 poles being installed in 2024, and another 8 in 2025. Motion was seconded by Chairman Farnham. A vote was called.

YEAS – Conley, Farnham

NAYS – None

Motion Passed

Citizen Comment - Joseph Mott, a resident of Brentwood Terrace, entered the meeting late and was apprised of the decision made. Mr. Mott stated that he’s grateful for the lighting, but he would like his water problems addressed. He also thanked the committee for the new road sign that says “Rudolph Road” but that it was wrong, as Google says his address is on Rudolph Drive. Mr. Doyle verified on Pulaski County GIS mapping that the legal name for the road was Rudolph Road, and that Google is often incorrect. Doug Potts will reach out to Google regarding getting the information corrected if possible.

TAP Grant Update – John Doyle stated that Kim Tipton from MODOT has submitted a Request for Environmental Review (RER), and the city engineers should have submitted this to MODOT last week. The plan is to begin construction in late summer or early fall of this year.

Lot 7, Block 2 of Old Farm Estates – John Doyle stated that this lot has been put out for bid in the Dixon Pilot and all bids are due no later than Friday, July 14, 2023 at 2:00pm.

Street Department Updates – Jason Chapman stated the dump trucks have been utilized everyday to haul rock to the new subdivisions; filled all the known potholes; worked on several utility cuts; conducted a sign review and replacements are being installed where needed; cleaned the Roubidoux Bridge with the Parks Department to assist MODOT; and trimmed trees that were encroaching on road signs in the city.

Other Business

Jason Chapman stated that the city spreaders and plows need to be replaced, and orders are taking 10 – 12 weeks to come in. He will be comparing quotes and working with John Doyle on this.

Mayor Wilson recommended installing more crosswalks around the square for citizen safety. Chairman Farnham stated that there were crosswalks on the backside of the courthouse in the past, but they haven't been repainted in years. Jason Chapman will look at these intersections and come up with a plan for installing the crosswalks.

Chairman Farnham stated that the speed limit on Swedeborg Road needs to be reevaluated. Discussion among the committee involved the tree clearing helping future visibility, installing a three way stop, or changing the speed limits. This suggestion will be researched and discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Doyle stated a need for closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.21 (2) Real Estate. Councilman Conley moved to go into closed session for that purpose and was seconded by Chairman Farnham. A vote was called.

YEAS – Farnham, Conley

NAYS – None

Motion Passed & committee entered closed session at 4:30 p.m.

Committee returned to open session at 4:59 p.m.

Committee adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on August 1st, 2023, at 4:00pm