

Joint Drainage & Street

February 24, 2015

6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order with the following in attendance: Alderman Trantham, Alderman Hopkins, Alderman Notheisen, Alderman Metzger, Alderman Koerber, Alderman Heller, Alderman Frederick, Mayor Smith, Shawn Kennedy, and Tim Birk.

1. Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items. None.
2. Approval of 2-3-15 Joint Drainage & Street Committee meeting minutes. After review, Alderman Notheisen made a motion to approved, seconded by Alderman Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mockingbird Lane Drainage Issue. Alderman Trantham stated that this issue was discussed at the February 3, 2015 meeting and four options were noted, Option 1-replace existing piping from inlet to lake; Option 2-construct a detention pond on the field north of the inlet and control the flow of water prior to the inlet; Option 3-purchase homes; Option 4-do nothing. Alderman Trantham stated that she felt that most committee members were in favor of the detention pond option, however, a vote was not taken at the last meeting. Alderman Notheisen stated that his biggest concern is the financing of the project, and that he feels it shouldn't be borne solely by the City. He stated that several financing options were brought up at the previous meeting and asked if any of those options were researched. Attorney Dan Hayes stated that anything is possible, however, it is not logical to expect future buyers in that area to contribute towards the cost of this project. A Special Service Area was discussed, in which Dan Hayes stated that it is usually done in an industrial setting. It is not illegal to create a Special Service Area in a residential area, however, the City should consider if they are going to do Special Service Areas in regards to other projects within the City in the future. Alderman Trantham asked the committee to vote on how the City wants to pay for the project. Alderman Notheisen made a motion that whatever option the City chooses, the City splits the cost 50-50 with the residents. Being no second to the motion, Alderman Trantham declared the motion dead. Alderman Hopkins stated that this is an issue that floods the street and made a motion to recommend to City Council that the City repair it by using money from the General Fund to construct a detention pond and the City will work with the landowners and the Homeowners Association to fix the problem. Alderman Koerber seconded the motion. Discussion: Alderman Notheisen questioned what would happen if the Homeowners Association didn't want to maintain the detention pond. Alderman Hopkins amended his motion to recommend to City Council that the City repair the problem by using money from the General Fund to construct a detention pond. Amended motion seconded by Alderman Koerber. Additional discussion where Alderman Metzger, Frederick, and Heller all gave the opinion that this problem should be fixed not at the expense of the residents in that area. Homeowner's president, Jeff Steining, stated that the Homeowners Association is willing to maintain the detention area. After discussion, vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.
4. Comments. Several comments from citizens, including whether this detention area would detain the water that comes from Main Street and whether this would be constructed by April. The answer was no to both comments. Signage in the flooding area was discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Notheisen, seconded by Alderman Hopkins. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.