

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

Members Present: Ray Schuchard and John Chesney were present in Council chambers
Tony Nelson, Bryan Cornell and Jamie Ward were present through Zoom meeting.
(via emergency procedures)

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Guests: Tyrel Clark, from WHKS & Co. Bill Angerman and Daren Sikkink, from Olmsted County Public Works Kaye Bieniek and Chad Schuman. All via Zoom

Call to Order: Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: Tonight's agenda: 2021 street and utility improvement project planning. Including Madison Avenue NW (assessments), Olmsted County Public Works regarding North Front Street NE and road jurisdiction of existing county roads in city limits.

Bieniek and Schuman explained Olmsted County has done some improvements to their property in Eyota but have more planned. They are still planning on constructing a cold storage building but that has not been approved due to budgets. General agreement was improvements to North Front Street NE will be delayed until 2023 and included with the tentatively planned improvements to 5th Street NE. Mayor Nelson agreed to talk to the property owners (King) east of the County Shop and explain the plan and reasoning to delay North Front Street NE street improvements. Olmsted County was requested to submit their preference (in writing) to delay the project until 2023.

Olmsted County is planning (not to be finalized until December) to mill and overlay all of Center Avenue and 5th Street SW in 2021. This would be from curb to curb. Most city utility improvements have been made during recent city-wide projects. All features like pedestrian ramps and storm sewers will be researched during project planning.

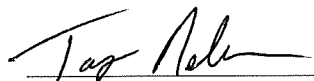
County Road #7 Jurisdiction. Counties are only allowed to have so many miles of roads. Roads are evaluated to determine how they function; for example, a city street like Sixth Street SW or a county road like #9. In 2006 the County did a plan of current and future roadway functionality. Some road jurisdictions changed; a prime example is Broadway in Rochester. The plan resulted in County Road 7 being more of a city street than a county road. This is all of Center Avenue from Highway 14 to Fifth Street SW; and all of Fifth Street SW. An in-depth conversation highlighted the County's responsibility to improve a road before transferring jurisdiction and the City's concerns of future maintenance. Snow removal is the first concern; the city does not have the staff or equipment to remove snow from Center and Fifth. Figuring out what will work for both entities will take a lot of research, discussions and negotiations. The key is to begin discussions. The County will do some homework to come up with estimated past cost to maintain those streets, a maintenance feasibility report and ideas for possible maintenance agreements. It was noted by Angerman, seeing that Eyota is less than 5,000 population it would not receive road state aid like the County does now. This is money the state receives from gas tax and distributes to counties and cities annually.

Madison Avenue NW. It is one of only two gravel streets left in the city, and still has an aging four-inch water main. The City has discussed improvements (paving) since 2009. The biggest concern is how much the assessments would be for each property seeing that the number of properties is very limited compared to other improvement projects. Angerman and Sikkink proposed numerous ways to identify the project area parcels

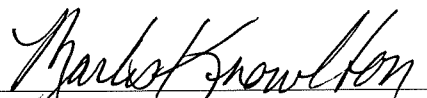
and how each example would affect the city's ability to bond for the project and project assessment costs. No matter what, the City will take on a major responsibility for the financial expense of this proposed project. It was agreed the engineers should start preparing a feasibility report with options of assessments based on 25% or 20% of the project cost.

Other Business: none

Adjourn: Mayor Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Tony Nelson
Mayor



Maris Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer