

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2019

Members Present: Tony Nelson, Bryan Cornell, Jamie Ward and John Chesney

Members Absent: Ray Schuchard was absent at roll call but did arrive later, 5:40 p.m.

Staff Present: Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Guest: Daren Sikkink, WHKS & Co.

Call to Order: Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: Nelson stated the work meeting will begin with discussing the storm water issues and changes that have come up after Park Drive NW was improved in 2018. If there is time, other 2019 street improvements will also be discussed.

Park Drive NW: Numerous property owners have filed complaints that there is more water in their yards now that the street is higher after being resurfaced last summer. Engineer Sikkink recapped that the street was in bad shape, held water, part of it was reclaimed and then all of it was repaved with four inches of new blacktop. Originally the Council made the decision that a storm water system with curb and gutters would be too costly due to the construction costs and assessments. All involved discussed where the water used to pool, flat elevations, poor drainage, where water seems to be pooling now and more.

Sikkink presented some options:

#1 Install curb and gutter with storm sewer, costing an estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000.

All agreed that was just too expensive.

#2 Install an interior tile system, costing an estimated \$25,000 to \$40,000.

This would create potential problems with vehicles driving over the tile intake features and crushing them. It would also require regular maintenance, like flushing or jet cleaning.

#3 Wait until the area dries up and install just a partial tile system targeting specific problem areas, costing an estimated \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The soil in that area is more like clay and does not drain. There also is not enough downhill drop in elevation to drain.

They discussed option #2 in more detail, suggesting a PVC pipe to reduce the problem of vehicles crushing a drain tile. It could only be maybe 18 to 24 inches deep. And with it draining to the creek there is always the chance that normal vehicle leaks will end up in the creek.

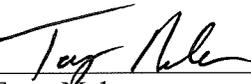
It was then suggested to look in to purchasing the vacant parcel (22 Park DR) that is in tax forfeiture and owned by the State of Minnesota. Maybe that lot could be used as an area to drain a tiling system throughout the park.

5th Street NE: A large frost boil was dug up and replaced between the intersection of County Road 7 and Summerfield Drive NE. The center of the street/blacktop is separating and sinking. The road does not have any kind of edge (like curb and gutter) to help hold the street together. Originally an overlay was planned within a few years, but now that may not be worth it. Cost estimates: overlay \$80,000 and reconstruction \$200,000. It will need to be investigated to find ways to improve the soil and the drainage. Maybe it would be better to include improvements in with the 2021 projects and completely rebuild the road versus an overlay.

125th Avenue SE: This is the section of road between the east end of Knowledge Road connecting to South Avenue or County Road 142. It was a township road that the school ended up blacktopping without improving the base. A large frost boil was dug up and needs paving. The council agreed that the base should be improved so it is equivalent to a ten ton road.

Fire Hall Alley: Sikkink explained the challenges and plans for the alley improvements. One main concern is working with Burt's Meats: access to their loading dock, dumpster location, property line location, elevations, etc. Initial cost estimates include blacktop that is technically not alley, but fire hall property improvements.

Adjourn: Mayor Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Tony Nelson
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer