

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – September 4, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona was called to order at 6:30 pm by Committee Chair, Jennifer Kuhr.

Present: Alder Kuhr, Alder Thomas, Ms. Piliouras, Mr. Stolper, Mr. Speight, Ms. Gundlach, Mr. Besch, Mr. Podell

Excused: Mr. Turino

Also Present: Josh Straka – Strand Associates Project Engineer, Dan Stephany – DPW Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion made by Mr. Besch, and seconded by Mr. Speight to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting was carried.

APPEARANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and consideration of resident request to convert the 2-way stop controlled intersection at Bridge Road and Frost Woods Road to a 3-way stop controlled intersection.

Director Stephany introduced the topic and restated the points of discussion from the previous meeting.

Committee members discussed further, with the range of comments listed below:

- The intersection is a non-conforming stop controlled intersection
- The intersection should be more predictable, where drivers know what other drivers are doing, whether it be a one way or three-way stop controlled intersection
- In its current configuration, there is a degree of guesswork as to what other drivers will do
- The angle or curve in the road can be an issue for some drivers
- Changing to a three-way controlled intersection will make it safer for pedestrians at this location
- Traffic data indicates Bridge Road has fast speeds (*2016 data indicates 85% of traffic travels at 33mph*)
- Not enough traffic to warrant a stop sign
- Crosswalks should be marked better
- There is no specific that needs to be solved with adding the third stop sign
- Where is the speed data, speed data hasn't been presented

Comments from Engineer Straka indicated the current stop controlled intersection does not meet federal guidelines for this type of intersection. It is a T intersection, which should be controlled with either one stop sign, or three for proper configuration.

A motion made by Mr. Speight, seconded by Mr. Besch to recommend approval of converting the Frost Woods Rd and Bridge Rd intersection to a three-way stop controlled intersection was carried. (Voting no was Mr. Stolper, Mr. Podell, and Alder Thomas)

Discussion and consideration of McKenna Road design alternatives.

Josh Straka, project manager from Strand Associates, attended the meeting to provide a design update to committee members. Mr. Straka reviewed the design alternatives that were discussed in 2016, and discussed 2019 design options that include sidewalk installation for McKenna Road. Sidewalks are planned for McKenna Road, and are identified in the City Council approved Monona Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan.

Committee members discussed sidewalks, street parking, impacts to trees, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. The committee asked Strand to consider a hybrid design that includes:

- Six foot wide sidewalk to be placed on the west side of the street, no sidewalks on the east side
- Parking in the southbound lane only, no parking for the northbound lane
- Two ten-foot driving lanes
- Curb and gutter,
- Reconstruction of the street, centered to avoid tree removals and power pole relocation.
- Redesign the Greenway Road, Maywood Road and McKenna Road five approach intersection
- The new four approach intersection alignment will be a four way stop sign controlled intersection

Strand engineers will put this request to design and see if everything works. If the design fits the criteria, it will be presented at the upcoming Public Information Meeting in October.

A motion was made by Mr. Speight, and seconded by Ms. Piliouras for design to proceed as discussed was carried.

Discussion and consideration of the 2020 Public Works Operating Budget.

Director Stephany presented the draft 2020 operating budgets to the committee. Line items with larger increases for 2020 were explained. Mr. Stolper provided an update on his review of the financial statements for the utilities, and recommended that the committee request City Council to raise utility rates so that revenue is enough to cover the expenditures for the year.

A motion was made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Alder Thomas to recommend approval of the operating budgets as presented, and to request City Council raise utility rates where revenues are enough to cover approved expenditures for 2020 was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Stolper, and seconded by Ms. Thomas to adjourn was carried (8:41pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works