

CITY OF WATERLOO COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: January 3, 2019

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[clerical correction made 3/2/2019 m.h.]

PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERING A SIDEWALK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2019 STREET & UTILITIES RECONSTRUCTION OF EDISON AND FRANKLIN STREETS

1. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER. Mayor Thompson called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderpersons present: Osborn, Quimby, Springer, Griffin, Thomas, Stinnett and Petts. Absent: none. Others present: Tammy Krueger, Watertown Daily Times; Diane Graff, the Courier; Police Chief Sorenson; Waterloo Utilities Superintendent Sorenson; WLOO videographers; Mitch Leisses of Kunkel Engineering Group; Public Works Director Chad Yerges; Jim & Mary Janzen; Bill Pedersen; Mike & Jeanne Kuhls; Jolene & Jim Schwoerer; Linda Rector; Garry & Cassi Whitebird; Lois Helberg; Rachel & Dan Meyer; Nick Thomas; Rory Thurnbauer; Chris Karls; and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kawula.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT. Attendees made comments posing questions addressed below. Mitch Leisses summarized the project saying the project purpose is to reconstruct Edison Street and Franklin Street, including utilities to the property lines. He said it is an opportunity to replace lead water services. He noted a slight change of street grade to improve stormwater flow. He said all Edison sidewalk was slated to be replaced. He said all trees would be removed due to tree maturity causing sidewalk buckling. Leisses said he would be available to consult directly with property owners. Leisses said water & sewer utilities would not be repositioned. He said all permits are approved. He said the north end of Edison is wider and would be narrowed. The Mayor said no proposal to change parking was in the works. In reply to a Chris Karls question, Leisses said segmenting sidewalk replacement on the Edison's eastside would increase the replacement cost. Yerges said the water and sewer for both streets were original and only a portion of the road surface was resurfaced. Whitebird asked for not replacing the sidewalk on Edison. Mary Janzen said sidewalks were replaced 12 years ago. She said sidewalk should last longer than 12 years. She noted two Franklin properties were not assessed. She said a policy of installing sidewalk on both sides was not being followed. Springer said he did not favor assessing twelve year old sidewalk. Janzen noted sidewalk unevenness. Access to properties during construction was described by Leisses. The Mayor described the assessment installment payment process, which included interest. Karls said his contractor could replace concrete for less. Leisses said it was a municipal decision as to the contractor. A limited number of buckling squares were referenced by attendee. Replying to the question, does the Council have a contingency plan for people on fixed incomes? Thompson said a payment plan served that purpose. Leisses described the lifecycle of asphalt as 30-35 years with proper maintenance. A streetlight was requested at the 300 block at Edison Street. Springer outlined potential options including a depreciation concept. Leisses shared assessment methods from other communities. Karls asked why the reconstruction was not done in 2007, when the sidewalk was done. Thompson said the municipality didn't have the money in 2007. Whitebird asked if stormwater management was being taken into consideration to avoid basement damage. Leisses said he was familiar with the issue and would work with the contractor in advance. Whitebird requested a letter documenting Leisses comments. An attendee asked about replacing trees. Leisses said the option of supplying a replacement tree to be planted on private property is being considered. The history of assessment was requested. Quimby outlined when assessments were done, saying consistency was needed. Leisses said driveway aprons were not being assessed. Barry said water services would be checked for lead laterals. Comment: In 2007 the owners were not allowed to do it in patches and should have been. The commenter reported on the Council vote at that time. Leisses described 6" sidewalk as covering driveway sections and 4" covering regular walk area. The property owner at 287 Edison was assured grant funding was available. Whitebird asked what next steps would be? The Mayor said the matter would be publicized. Leisses said a bid opening would occur the first week of February with the assessment question revisited then.
3. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING. Without objection, Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:45 pm.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL. Mayor Thompson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. Alderpersons present: Osborn, Quimby, Springer, Griffin, Thomas Stinnett and Petts. Absent: none. Others present: See above. [Note: an undetermined number of citizens participating in the public hearing did depart prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.] The pledge of allegiance was recited.
2. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: December 20, 2018. MOTION: Moved by Petts, seconded by Quimby to

table approval until such time as minutes are available. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Granting New Operator's Licenses For the License Period Ending June 30, 2019 (1). MOTION: Moved by Springer, seconded by Griffin to grant the license as presented. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
- b. Permission For Mayor Thompson To Retain The Laptop I-pad. MOTION: Moved by Stinnett, seconded by
- c. Griffin to grant permission for the Mayor to keep the municipal laptop I-pad provided to him for municipal use upon the completion of his term. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
- d. Council Confirmation Of The Mayoral Appointment Of Shawn Vieth, 838 East Madison Street To The Parks Commission To Fill An Unexpired Term Ending In 2020. MOTION: Moved by Quimby, seconded by Stinnett to confirm the appointment. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
- e. Resolution #2019-01 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent To Levy Special Assessments Under Police Power Pursuant To §66.0703, Wis. Stats. MOTION: Moved by Springer, seconded by Petts to table the resolution for future consideration. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. None.

6. ADJOURNMENT. Moved by Springer, seconded by Quimby. Motion carried. Approximate time: 8:00 p.m.



Attest:

Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer