

Joint Drainage & Street

February 3, 2015

6:00 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, Jim Nagel, Shawn Kennedy, Tim Birk, David Baxmeyer, Derrick Huebner, Kevin Henke, Stan Darter, Jim Duckwitz, Scott Burian, Carla Burian, and Brad Hummert from HMG.

1. Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items. None.
2. Approval of 9-15-14 Drainage committee meeting minutes. After review, Alderman Notheisen made a motion to approved, seconded by Alderman Heller. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of 11-24-14 Street committee meeting minutes. After review, Alderman Frederick made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Heller. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Update on Mockingbird Lane Drainage Issue. Alderman Notheisen began the discussion stating that he didn't know why the City was discussing this tonight since in previous discussion, the City has not taken responsibility on this in the past and he doesn't think the City should be responsible in the future. He also stated that there should be a cooperative agreement with the Homeowner's Association so the City doesn't have to incur the financial burden. Alderman Trantham stated that we are here to discuss the street and the street belongs to the City. Tim Birk stated that after a survey of the area, there appears to be 33 acres of water going into the inlet that was designed for 7 acres of water. Tim then stated that Brad Hummert has proposed 4 options as outlined by the attachment. Option 1 is a piping project using existing easements and at a cost of \$305,000. There was discussion of whether an additional pipe could be placed alongside the existing pipe versus simply going with the larger pipe as proposed in option 1. This would not be a good option since the easements are tight in that area. Option 2 is the construction of a detention basin in the farm field that is designed to take the water flow of 33 acres if developed for residential purposes. If the property is developed commercially, the detention basis would need to be re-evaluated. The cost of this option is \$370,000 but could be reduced if the dirt would not need to be hauled off. Tim asked if the Homeowners Association would be willing to maintain the basin. Jim Duckwitz volunteered to mow the basin, but also stated that the Homeowners Association is discussing. Tim also stated that the City would need an easement through Jim Duckwitz's property to reach the farm field. Mr. Duckwitz stated they could work it out. Option 3 is to purchase homes, which turns out to not be a good option. Option 4 is to do nothing. Mr. Duckwitz inquired about building an underground storage facility such as was discussed in a newspaper article in the Belleville News Democrat. Brad Hummert stated that it would take a storage facility the size of a football field that is three feet high to store the water and that would be very costly. Discussion on the different options. Alderman Notheisen inquired if the City could recover any of the cost by letting the developer use the reservoir. Alderman Frederick asked if the City Attorney could look into a legal way to recover a portion of the cost of the detention basin from the developer. Alderman Notheisen questioned whether a special property assessment to property owners could be used to offset the cost. Alderman Trantham stated that right now everything is an option and this meeting is to brainstorm. Time line was discussed and it was stated that the pipe project would take longer than the detention basin.

5. Four-way Stop Sign at Halifax and Ontario. A request was received for a stop sign to reduce the speed on Halifax. This is currently a two-way stop and the request is for this to be a four-way stop. After discussion it was decided that there doesn't seem to be a need for an additional stop sign since there is no sight impairment, there is not much traffic, and no one seems to be speeding.

6. Comments. None.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Heller & seconded by Alderman Notheisen. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.