

STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2004 – 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Berg called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Committee members present were Aldermen Berg, Marzahl and Perkins. Alderman Bellon was absent. Also present were Aldermen Nolan, Hinterlong and Dikun, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson, Supt. Carbonetti and members of the audience.

Lincoln St. Paving/Water Runoff

Alderman Dikun reviewed the paving/water runoff issues on Lincoln Street. During last year's street resurfacing program, the contractors filled in the v-trench that Paul Heyer installed in 1997 to help alleviate the water runoff. There are also problems with the road in terms of resetting the grade with new pavement because there is an absence of a gravel base. Paul Heyer stated that whenever it rains, the loose gravel that was put down along the shoulder of the road and other debris also wash down the road into the driveways/lawns. Administrator Nelson stated there is about a three block area where drainage concerns have always been an issue. Alderman Berg proposed that Supt. Carbonetti meet with Paul Heyer to determine the cost to reinstall the v-trench as a temporary measure with a long range plan to look into a water run-off study of the area and federal grants that might be available. Administrator Nelson stated that funds are appropriated in the budget for smaller unknown projects which could be used for the v-trench. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to recommend to the City Council that the v-trench be reinstalled if Administrator Nelson and Supt. Carbonetti determine that the cost to do so is within the budget. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Marzahl, aye and Berg, aye. Motion approved three to zero.

Bridges

The Committee discussed the City's three bridges which are in need of replacement: South Ayer St., Marengo Rd. just south of Brink St. and Jefferson St. Administrator Nelson recommended that all three bridges be put on a list to apply for federal funding which takes about 7-8 years to actually secure the funds. The City's portion of funding is 20% of the cost. Dave recommended that when a financial workshop is conducted, one of the items to be discussed is to conduct a special census. The additional revenue generated as a result of the special census could be put aside over the next seven years to cover the City's portion of the funding. Supt. Carbonetti indicated that a state inspection of the Jefferson Street bridge resulted in an order to post a three ton limit on the bridge which will require that a new truck route be determined. The City has correspondence from Smith Engineering dated July 26, 2004, on a temporary repair of the bridge at an estimated cost of \$48,000 which Administrator Nelson will incorporate into the next fiscal year budget. This would be sufficient until funds are received through federal funding to replace the bridge. Supt. Carbonetti and Administrator Nelson will finalize an alternate truck route and report back to the City Council.

Road Program

Supt. Carbonetti reviewed the street ratings list and recommended removing the following streets from the list: Brainard/Page/Eastman, Fourth/Brown/Burbank, Johnson/Thompson/Washington, Johnson/Washington/Park, Metzen/Ratzlaff/Howard and Roosevelt/8th/ADS. Moved by Marzahl, seconded by Perkins to approve the list for the MFT Road Program per Supt. Carbonetti's recommendation. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Marzahl, aye and Berg, aye. Motion approved three to zero.

No Parking on Northfield from 2nd St. to Route 14

The Committee discussed Alderman Nolan's proposal to ban parking on Northfield Ave. between 2nd St. and Route 14. That portion of Northfield is very busy with the gas station at the corner and has gotten worse since school started. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to recommend to the City Council to conduct a public hearing at the City Council meeting on September 15, 2004, with an ordinance to be approved at the City Council meeting on October 6, 2004, to ban parking on Northfield Ave. between 2nd St. to Route 14. Also suggested was either extending the ban to 4th St. or making that block residential parking only. The general consensus was to monitor the block between 2nd and 4th Street and if it becomes an issue, the parking ban can be extended to include that block. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Marzahl, aye and Berg, aye. Motion approved three to zero.

Curb Program

The Committee reviewed the list of streets with no curbs. Administrator Nelson's recommendation is to begin with the two blocks that do not require any engineering: 4th Street from McKinley to Roosevelt St and E. Blackman St. from Route 14 to Hart St. Moved by Marzahl, seconded by Perkins to recommend to the City Council approval of Administrator Nelson's recommendation for the Curb Program. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Marzahl, aye and Berg, aye. Motion approved three to zero.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Marzahl to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Chairman Berg