

OCTOBER 03, 2023
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 03, 2023 at 101 West Broadway.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-absent, Loren Plank-present
Ward Two: Melissa Old-present, Stephanie Bell-present
Ward Three: Rick Lewis-present, David Wilson-present

Staff Absent: Mayor Slinker and Kyle Michel

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Todd Smith, City Attorney, James Creel, Public Works Supervisor, Scott Young, Interim Police Chief.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting for consideration. Alderman Wilson made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented the agenda for adjustment or approval. Alderwoman Old made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell presented a Resolution authorizing Change Order #2 to M & M Landscaping and Construction, LLC for the Main Street project. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director state on change order #1 there were several additional scope of work some items were approved for the contractor, MMLC to complete during this project. He stated they have done such, but had to excavate more of the roadway to complete several of them (raising manholes, replacing culverts, etc.) This excavation work will require that additional asphalt to be installed in order to provide a proper base for the overlay to be completed. The additional pavement work related to these items was not figured into the pricing in Change Order #1. Stephen Lin from Allstate Consultants stated as James indicated the additional asphalt was not figured into the first change order. He stated the contractor milled and excavated the main trench on S Main St for the new waterline at a width of 4 feet. The initial plans called for the trench to be 3 feet wide. The increased trench width, along with several sections of asphalt that fell apart during the project and will also need to have additional asphalt installed in to order to provide for a proper base for the overlay to be completed. Upon opening the Main Street trench of S Main it was discovered that there is enough existing pavement to allow for a reduction in new overlay thickness. The original plans called for a 3 inch thick asphalt overlay. Due to the existing asphalt being thicker than expected; the paving contractor has advised that a 2.5 inch thick overlay would be sufficient and still carry the same warranty as a 3 inch overlay. He stated that asphalt was not discussed for Laurel Lane and Wilson Lane. He stated the total overrun for the increased asphalt base is \$23,550.00. The total underrun for the decreased overlay thickness is \$14,762.00. This change order will increase the project cost \$8,788.00. Stephen stated if this change order is approved the subcontractor will start later this week weather pending. Stephen Lin informed the Board there will be another change order with the final quantities of material and should be a deduct on the next change order. He stated this would basically cover the overages of the entire project. He stated there was extra fittings, etc. Alderwoman Bell asked when that change order could be expected. James Creel stated probably the first meeting of next month. He stated the subcontractor should have the pavement

finished at the end of next week. Alderman Plank questioned how the contractor on how he felt that projects this project is going and the Perry Avenue Project. Marty from MMLC stated the South Main project went smooth, as it is an old road with unknown utilities in it. He stated the Perry Ave. is trying to get started but should go well when we get started. He stated within the next couple of weeks they should be going good. Alderwoman Old commended the contractor and crew has been really good and worked. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for a motion. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to approve the Resolution authorizing change order #2 to M & M Landscaping and Construction, LLC for the Main Street project. Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for the vote. Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

City Attorney's report:

Todd Smith stated he had nothing to report tonight.

Interim Police Chief monthly report:

Scott Young stated a deck collapsed while emergency personnel was on a medical emergency call but luckily there were no injuries. He gave an overview of the police department staffing and training. He reported it has hired a new police officer that will start on November 1, 2023. He discussed the police scheduling and options he is considering.

Board of Aldermen report:

Alderman Plank informed the Board and Interim Police Chief of a December 8 event with real reindeer the Ashland Betterment Coalition was having at "In Any Event" which could cause traffic issues.

Alderman Plank reported he received a complaint from a resident that lives on Trotter Lane of potholes in the roadway that caused his son to have a bike accident. James Creel explained Trotter Lane is on the overlay for next year. He gave an overview of subdivisions they have taken care of and what they are proposing for next year. Alderwoman Old questioned if temporary patching was done on Trotter Lane? James Creel stated they have done some patching there.

Alderman Lewis reported he had a constitute contact him reference to the new speaker system from the high school last Thursday having an increased level on the noise. Alderman Lewis stated he contacted Dr. Roth and discussed this with him. He stated Dr. Roth told him it is a new system and the speakers are being directed differently. He stated that sound does travel. Alderman Lewis stated he could hear this at his house as well. He stated Dr. Roth informed them there was a new announcer that night. Alderwoman Bell stated isn't this restricted by the decibel. Alderman Lewis stated Dr. Roth stated they have been testing the decibel level. He stated they are also contacting the company so they could adjust the speakers and possibly adjust the volume.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for comments by the public, Aldermen or staff.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Plank to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Stephanie Bell, Mayor Pro-tem