

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE IL-127 SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT
FOR THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE
HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert L. Spencer called the public meeting for IL-127 Sanitary Sewer Replacement for the City of Pinckneyville to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Members present: Commissioners Kevin B. Hicks, Joshua L. Kuhnert, Sammy D. Peradotta, William B. Stotlar, and Mayor Robert L. Spencer. Mayor Spencer declared a quorum present. Mayor Spencer announced the agenda was set. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa S. Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigam, and Fire Chief Jim Gielow. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Peradotta.

PUBLIC MEETING

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to open the public meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Kuhnert. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Mayor Spencer declared the public meeting open.

Jesse Maynard of HMG Engineers stated the Sanitary Sewer will be replaced on Illinois Highway 127 from Dairy Queen south to Grand Avenue and that the project was let out for bids, with Kamadulski Excavating and Grading Company, Inc. being selected as the contractor for this project. He stated IDOT has agreed to shut down Illinois Highway 127 for 14 days, and that the contractors will be working seven days a week with multiple crews to get the project completed in a timely manner. He also stated this public meeting is to discuss how the businesses along Illinois Highway 127 will be affected and to allow for public comment on the IL-127 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project for the City of Pinckneyville.

Mr. Maynard stated the sewer is currently in the center of the southbound lane of Illinois Highway 127, and is near 100 years old. With IDOT making improvements to the highway, they are requiring the sewer be replaced and moved to the west in the new bicycle lane. IDOT wants to do their final paving of Illinois Highway 127 the second week of August, but the sewer replacement must be complete before they can do that.

Luke Borrenpohl of Kamadulski Excavating informed the public of the project including timelines and locations of the work to be performed. The project will start by closing down the southbound lane, starting at Randolph Street, to locate the sewer line, using flaggers, and working one block at a time, restoring concrete as they go, hooking the main line to the side streets along the highway. The work will start around 7 a.m. each morning, and the highway will be open to two-way traffic each night. The 14-day full closure is estimated to start the week of July 17.

David Moore from Pyatt Funeral Home asked about the two-week shut-down. Mr. Borrenpohl explained it will likely be two weeks of one-lane traffic and then two weeks with both lanes shut down.

Amy Chapman from Panther Wash questioned the two-lane shut down, as she was concerned that the carwash bays exit onto the highway. Mr. Maynard stated the highway will be closed to semi-trucks and heavy traffic, but their customers would still be able to exit onto the northbound lane and get to Parker Street. Mr. Borrenpohl confirmed they will do everything possible to meet everyone's needs during construction.

Patsy Lipe from Pinckneyville Ambulance Service voiced her concerns about the ambulances being able to get out during the 14-day total shutdown. She indicated it should be okay during the one-lane shut down. She also stated the way their lot is set up, they may have to go out of their way to exit their lot, but they also have another location where they can set up during the day, but not during the night. Mr. Borrenpohl stated there would not be a hole left open in the highway overnight, so

they should be able to get ambulances and other emergency services through when needed. He said he would be in contact with City Hall and 911 Dispatch daily.

Commissioner Peradotta notified the contractors that City Streets are to be oiled and chipped July 11-13, some of which will go up to the highway, such as Mulberry, Randolph, South, all the way down to Grand Avenue. He asked if they needed to stay back from the highway entrance area. Mr. Borrenpohl stated they should be able to back up to their construction area and pour from there with no problem. Commissioner Peradotta also stated that Wednesday morning starting around 6:30 a.m. they would oil and chip South Walnut Street from the 4-way stop going south so that they are done with that area before the businesses on Walnut Street open up. Keith Athmer of Kamadulski agreed to meet with Commissioner Peradotta Monday morning, July 10, to go over the areas to be oiled and chipped that will go up to their construction area.

Commissioner Hicks asked where the semi-trucks would be re-routed. Mr. Maynard stated IDOT hadn't returned his call. He said he had an old detour map that used Brown Street, but it appeared this route might have some tight curves for semi-trucks. Commissioner Hicks stated there are weight limits on the City streets, and he didn't want semi-trucks using Mill Street. Commissioner Peradotta said when there are wide loads, they send them down Unicorn Road, then Dalmation Road, to Front Street and Fairground Road to get them out on highway 154, then if they need to come back in to town, they would go around the roundabout. Commissioner Peradotta also stated IDOT has signs they are getting to start work on West Water Street too out by the roundabout. Mayor Spencer said he thought IDOT was going to re-route traffic through Du Quoin south of Pinckneyville on highway 152 to highway 51, or if going west use Pyatt Blacktop to County Line Road to highway 154, and north on highway 127 on the Du Bois black to highway 51 in Tamaroa, during the 14-day shutdown. Mr. Maynard said he was trying to confirm that. Mr. Borrenpohl said they would listen to the City and to IDOT regarding detour routes. Commissioner Kuhnert noted some semi-trucks would have to use Walnut Street to service the businesses on that street, but that traffic should be limited.

Mayor Spencer asked if there were any more comments or concerns. There were none.

CLOSE PUBLIC MEETING

Motion made by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stotlar to close the public meeting. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried and the public meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.