

November 18, 2019
City Council Budget Workshop with Public Works Minutes

The November 18, 2019 City Council Budget Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Mayor Staner. Hosch, Kelchen, Rausch, Knepper and Delaney answered roll call. Also, present was City Superintendent, Phil Gehl.

A motion was made by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Gehl discussed with the Council some items he feels should be included in the FY21 budget for public works. The number one item is the alley behind the bakery and near the city shop. This item has been on the Council agenda two or three times in 2019, but nothing has been done yet. It was discussed how much of the alley should be done. Also, 3 or 4 manholes plus sewer main needs to be done, plus grading and resurfacing the alley. This area needs to be repaired since people use the alley to access parking behind 1st Ave W. It was discussed doing the alley from Orr Appliance to the river and doing it in 2 parts. We will budget \$35,000 for the project right now, but we will discuss with Jake to get an overall cost for all of this.

Also discussed was McKinley Street by the cemetery. This just needs to be double seat coated, since adding curb and gutter will create more issues. The water issue along 2nd Ave SE from Adams Street to Monroe Street SE was discussed. It was discussed placing new water main in the ROW instead of ripping up the entire street since the street is not in bad condition. For now, we will look into other options for the water including doing a Burn Down in the spring. This process includes over chlorinating the water system and then flushing. This will take off sediment and other elements in the main. Other cities are doing this and have success. If it doesn't help than further decisions will need to be made. Also, the water analysis report will be ready to review soon and we can make some decisions based on that information. We also discussed the possibility of purchasing a new street sweeper on lease. Council thinks we just keep fixing the old sweeper.

With no other business, Kelchen moved and Delaney seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:46p.m. Motion carried.