

Meeting opened at 8:03 PM by Council President, N. Dombrowski. Council Members present were: Dombrowski, Brown, Nimcheski, Mann, Goulet and Wright. Councilman Mikulich was absent. Others in attendance were: J. Major, Assistant DPW Director; D. Lowthian, City Assessor; R. Fickes, Civil Engineering Technician; A. Hesse, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Second Public Hearing for paving project P-79-3 Carlson Drive.

PRESENTATION: J. Major

Mr. Major recapped the project. At the first public hearing the total project cost was estimated at \$304,000.00 with a unit cost of \$4,730.00. The second public hearing actual cost is, total project \$265,000.00 with one unit at \$4,080.56. There was a 16% decrease and sidewalks were bid in this project. If paying by installment plan, for a one unit factor the annual payment would be \$476.00 per year for a period of fifteen years at 8% bond interest.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mark Johnson, 1096 Carlson asked what the cost of the sidewalks are? Mr. Major said for a one unit factor, \$500.00.

Barbara Spencer, 1049 Carlson said the people had requested no sidewalks. Mr. Major replied the sidewalks were bid as an alternate. The project still came in under the estimated cost, even with the sidewalks. One unit without sidewalks would be \$3,556.58, with sidewalks \$4,080.56. Council will have to make the final decision.

Tom Dutcher, 1114 Carlson stated that the residents main objection at the last meeting was they only have about 30 feet from the right-of-way. Mr. Major said the houses must be about 30 feet from the ROW, which means they are about 60 feet from the center of the road.

Mrs. Spencer said the sidewalk only means added expense, if it needs repairing we must pay for it.

Mr. Johnson said he just moved in since the petitions were circulated and he is opposed to the sidewalks. There front yards are too small.

Mr. Dutcher said everyone's cost went down except his, it is \$2,000.00 higher. He has found out that if he had added to his garage he would not be charged for another full unit on his extra lot. He said he called and was misinformed. Mr. Major explained the average lot size method. Mr. Major said the first hearing is done by existing maps, they thought his garage was over the lot line. After the survey, they discovered he had two (2) buildable lots. Mr. Dutcher informed Council he was the petition circulator and really wanted the pavement. He finds that by adding 13 feet more on his garage he would have had his \$2,000.00 in his home value, not in the road. He asked if it was too late? Mr. Lowthian said yes, he would have needed to start this before the roll was prepared and certainly before tonight.

Councilman Dombrowski stated that Council has no power in relation to the assessment roll. The law says this is the Assessor's job. The Council would have to turn the project down, he would have to build the garage, re-petition and have a new assessment roll. Councilman Dombrowski went on to say we have a firm bid now, perhaps by then the costs would be higher for rebidding, plus the cost of our amended assessment roll.

Mr. Dutcher said it has cost him \$2,000.00 between the two hearings. The last hearing the room was packed. The people stated they didn't want sidewalks. Now only a few people are here and you want to force the sidewalks on us.

The President Declared the Hearing Closed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Mann said it was a shame to pave without the sidewalks, but if that was what the people want, he would have to go along.

Councilwoman Goulet said she agreed. It is not the cost but they don't want to give up any front yard space.

Councilman Wright said he had to agree with Councilman Mann.

Councilman Brown said he agreed with the residents but wondered if they would want to reconsider if the sidewalks could be altered, as on Fury Street. Mr. Major said that is certainly a viable possibility.

Councilman Mann said he agreed in theory, but residents on Fury wanted the sidewalks, these people do not.

Councilwoman Nimcheski asked if the petitions included sidewalks? Mr. Major replied no. She said in that case she agreed with the residents.

Councilman Dombrowski asked for a show of hands from those who wanted sidewalks. No one in the audience raised their hand.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Mann, supported by Wright to adopt Standard Resolution #5-A with the deletion of sidewalks. Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

Moved by Mann, supported by Nimcheski to adopt Standard Resolution #5E as printed. Motion carried by 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Time 8:33 PM

Submitted by,

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