



so just because they let one happen they won't let another happen. They also emphasize hardship; they don't just willy nilly give the people the right to go into the right of way or to lessen their side yard setback, or to put a higher roof on. She said there should be a hardship and a real reason that can't be fixed another way. She said she has trouble with this request because the family has a back yard, a side yard, and they want more room in their front yard. To her this doesn't carry the weight of a hardship, so she would have a hard time agreeing to this. She said they need to be sensitive in giving away the city right of way; there is a reason it's there. She doesn't think they should take it lightly when putting things in the city right of way. She said they are fighting with people on the ditch matter on Mapleview as people have puts sheds and trees in the drainage ditch and now it's going to come back to bite them and everybody else. She thought they need to keep the right of way as is.

M. Stark agreed with Steve Herron as she thinks it's a case by case decision that comes to council as this is set up as such. Each instance is totally different and after walking the property she didn't see this was close enough to the road where the snow plows will take it out. She doesn't see them giving away city property because it's still the city's right of way; they are just allowing them to put a fence in to finish their property off to make it safe for the children to play. The existing fence looks very nice and it will give them a finished look. She said after talking to the property owner they are very aware that if anything happens they will need to take this fence down, it's at their expense to take it down and put it back up. She doesn't have a problem with this request at all and the last request had a totally different situation as it was on a highly traveled road, so she would vote yes on this request.

Rick Kamholz said on the Ferndale side he is very aware of the utilities and this is why the fence is not in the right of way on the utility side; the only part on the utility side is the two feet where it comes out and around the tree.

**TOPIC TWO:        Nicholson Road**

B. Holmes said he just wants to keep this in front of council as he understands it's not a highly traveled road, but there are people that use it, including the Vermilion Police Department, Lucy Idol, and the Lions Club. He said if anyone is giving away any type of milling then they should see if they can get some to put it down on that road. B. Brady asked how much a chip and seal would cost on that road. C. Howard said the issue with chip and seal is that it needs a base and without a base you're not doing anything. He understands the county uses it, but they have roads they maintain over the years. S. Holovacs said the road is nothing but chuck holes, so they will actually need to level the street out and by doing that you take away the base, which a base is not there now. He agrees they would need to go down about 6 – 8" to grind everything up to make it level.

**TOPIC THREE:     OPWC Grant Schedules**

Mayor Forthofer made council aware of some street matters the administration will need to make decisions on before the next committee meeting. It will have effects on the 2019 budget and this may be the last opportunity for council to be informed on what those

streets are. He said they are facing grant opportunity deadlines and he had asked the finance director to update the unfunded project sheets to include the city portions of these street grants. Decisions on these grants need to be made in September before council meets again.

C. Howard said the city received a matching grant for Hollyview Drive in the amount of \$412,000 and the schedule with the OPWC is a 2019 construction, so if council wants to proceed this is something they need to think about sooner than later. He said they will need to make a decision on next year's OPWC projects and the consideration is for Highbridge Road (south of the bridge to Brownhelm Station Road) and the other would be a waterline extension on Liberty Avenue (Decatur to Adams Street). He didn't have costs at this time.

F. Loucka said even if they receive a matching grant where will the city get the money. S. Holovacs said before he can even look at Hollyview which the city received a grant for; he wanted to know where they are getting the money. He said if the administration can give them answers then council can make a decision; no different than the 2019 proposed projects. If they don't have the money to do it then they won't need to apply for grant. They would only be exercising the opportunity to write a grant and receive the money, and then for the city to tell them they don't have the money to proceed.

B. Brady asked where the income is for 2019 and A. Hendricks said according to her email to council today she had noted that each fund has potential to bring in additional income this year, but they have some big question marks as to what those numbers will be.

F. Loucka said if they have to turn down grants than the likelihood of getting future grants might be tarnished because they go through the process to get the grant, but then the city can't come up with the matching funds.

B. Brady said Main Street doesn't look as bad as what she thought it was going to look, so they could live with Main Street for another year and put the \$200,000 towards the Hollyview grant. S. Herron agreed this is a good point. F. Loucka asked what the deadline is for the Hollyview project. Mayor Forthofer said they have to break ground by June 30. F. Loucka said he meant the deadline to reply whether they are accepting the grant. C. Howard said the design schedule is set for September, so they are funding the construction in 2019. F. Loucka asked when the deadline is for submitting grants for Highbridge and the waterline project for 2019 and C. Howard said in September. Mayor Forthofer said Highbridge is fast rising to the top as the most disastrous, so he doesn't know how they can't at least start the ball rolling on Highbridge, but he doesn't want to commit moving forward without a consensus of council to start down this road. S. Holovacs said there is no road on Highbridge and they have spent almost \$2 million on the bridge. He said when Hollyview residents ask him about being on the list he has to tell them that Highbridge has taken the lead in this horse race because there is no street there anymore.

J. Gabriel asked if this is an either/or situation, or are they talking about the ability to do both. He said if they do Hollyview and not Main Street, will they be able to come back

and do Highbridge, or will they need to make a decision between Hollyview and Highbridge. C. Howard said if they aren't going to do Main Street they should look at Hollyview because the city did receive a lot of grant money through the OPWC and he would hate to see the city pass on that. They can make Highbridge a 2020 project; it doesn't need to be a 2019 project. He is just asking for council's permission to submit the application. It doesn't mean they will get the grant.

B. Brady said she understands the sanitary sewers on Highbridge are collapsing in the street and a former city engineer had said that before that street would be paved, these laterals would have to be rebuilt, so that might be something they will need to look at, as it would add to the expense of the project. F. Loucka said this work would come out of another fund. C. Howard said there are only 5/6 homes on the south side of Highbridge and if they should be replaced than this would be the time to do it. B. Brady said this is on the north side and J. Gabriel said the south side has septic tanks. F. Loucka asked council if it was their intention to pass on Main Street and focus on Hollyview for 2019 since they have such a huge grant. S. Herron agreed but said they can submit the application for Highbridge and hope the money comes through for both of them. S. Holovacs said the grant for Hollyview is \$412,000, so if they take \$200,000 off the \$585,000 then they are still \$385,000 in the whole. He said Hollyview is in his ward and he has no problem with it, but where are they going to come up with the \$385,000. He said they can shoot for a grant for 2020, but he doesn't want to say they will take \$200,000 and still be \$385,000 in the whole. Before he makes a decision he wants to know where the money is coming from. F. Loucka asked what the odds were in finding \$385,000. Mayor Forthofer said this is the situation the city is going to be in for the next six months; they can't wait until they nail down a budget before they start seeing money. In this case they are taking sort of a risk. B. Brady said if they get the \$275,000 again then they will be close.

M. Stark said if they decide to remove the \$200,000 from Main Street, then how long will the patch job on Main Street last because this will push Main Street back much further. F. Loucka said they may have to keep patching Main Street for a few years. T. Valerius said on Main Street they patched over concrete with asphalt and they can certainly help it along by crack sealing it next summer to keep the moisture from getting in there.

F. Loucka asked if they need a motion to proceed along these lines and G. Fisher said council can authorize the administration to submit OPWC application for Highbridge Road and the water main project.

**S. Herron MOVED**; M. Stark seconded to authorize the administration to submit OPWC application for Highbridge Road (south to Brownhelm Station Road and for the water line extension on Liberty Avenue (Decatur to Adams Street). Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Chairman Frank Loucka adjourned the meeting after no further discussion came before the committee.

Next meeting: September 24, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk

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