

ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes of Special Session
Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Mayor Schutt called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Jorgensen, Kleinhesselink, Vande Griend and Zenor present. Also present was John Steven, Kassie Steven, Ryan Steven, Keith Elder, Willard Keunen, Jo Keunen, Karrie Roberts, Jarred Roberts, Ron Grady, Jerry De Groot, Tim Bindner, Dan Van Schepen, Dale Oltmans and Laurie Tentinger.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Kleinhesselink to approve the agenda. Ayes 4

Mayor Schutt introduced Dan Van Schepen of DGR, the City's engineering firm and opened the public hearing on proposed Resolution of Necessity at 6:01 PM. Van Schepen explained to the audience that the street project is being financed through assessments as well as bonding. In addition he discussed how other projects have been assessed, what items were included in the assessment and the method used to calculate assessments. Also discussed was the payment plan options for residents and informed the residents that their assessment amounts will increase but could decrease based on the bids received. Also the assessment belongs to the property not the owner so if the property is sold the assessment goes along with it.

Tim Bindner wanted to verify it this was the same method used when he was assessed. Oltmans confirmed the same method has been used for past assessments.

Ryan Steven asked if county funding was available for the project since it was by the school, also why the streets in town being asphalted were not being assessed. Oltmans indicated he would check into county funding. Mayor Schutt informed the residents that the asphalt project was repairs, the 5th Ave Street Project is in fact replacing the street so is being assessed.

Ron Grady asked about changing the bus routes so the street could be asphalted instead of concrete. Van Schepen indicated concrete was the better option and in the City's best interest since it is a public street bus routes cannot be dictated.

Jarred Roberts asked about the depths and conditions all the utilities under the current street. It was the consensus of the public to ask the City to give the residents the opportunity to have their sewer lines checked while the street is tore up so if it needs to be fixed it can be done so without having to replace the new street. Oltmans confirmed there would be the opportunity to check sewer lines.

Willard Keunen asked if they will always have access to their driveway as it would be difficult for him and his wife to walk very far. The Council discussed possible options to ensure residents were able to get back and forth to their home since the road will be tore up and residents will not have road access during part of the project.

No other written or oral comments were received by City Staff.

Motion by Zenor and second by Kleinhesselink to close public hearing at 7:01 PM.

Motion by Zenor and second by Vande Griend to approve minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting. Ayes 4

RESOLUTION 16-58 “RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY PROPOSED FOR THE 5TH AVENUE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Kleinhesselink. Jorgensen seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen, Vande Griend, Zenor

Nays: None

Absent: Bengard

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted

RESOLUTION 16-59 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING PREPARATION OF DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS ON THE 5TH AVENUE PAVING IMPROVEMENTS” was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Vande Griend. Zenor seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Kleinhesselink, Jorgensen, Vande Griend, Zenor

Nays: None

Absent: Bengard

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted

Motion by Kleinhesselink and second by Jorgensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Ayes 4

Mayor,
Brian E. Schutt

City Clerk/Administrator
Dale Oltmans