

**CITY OF ELKHORN**  
**Municipal Services and Utilities Committee**  
**First Floor Conference Room, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

**July 28, 2014**

Municipal Services and Utilities Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Alderman Payson followed by Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen Gary Payson, Sr., Hoss Rehberg, Gregory Huss

Also present: Mayor Brian Olson, Alderman James D'Alessandro, Alderman Scott McClory, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Finance Director James Heilman, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Utility Director John Murphy, Recreation Director Wendy Ard, Library Director Lisa Selje, Public Works Operations Manager Marty Nuss, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Gary Welsh, and Elkhorn Newspaper Correspondent Kellen Olshefski

**LIBRARY REPAIRS**

DPW Manager Martin Nuss explained that the library has a portion of the façade falling off and it needs repair. A quote from J.P. Cullen was obtained for the project. Other contractors were contacted and declined to consider the job or didn't return an estimate. The City was asked to consider paying 50% of the repair costs. The library would pay the other 50% from their reserves. Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to recommend the City pay 50% of the façade repair at a maximum cost of \$25,000 to the City, directing staff to obtain additional estimates for the repair. Motion carried.

**LINCOLN STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES: PROPOSED BIKE LANES**

City Engineer Gary Welsh presented information on the installation of bike lanes on both sides of Lincoln Street in an effort to slow down traffic. The bike lanes would remove on street parking which raised concerns for Lincoln Street property owners who need the extra parking. An alternative was to create parking lanes; however, concerns were raised that it would look like two driving lanes. Bumps out were also discussed. The committee acknowledged the need to slow down traffic on the street. Members asked Engineer Welsh to consider the other recommendations made by SEWRPC and provide other ideas to the committee.

**REHAB OF WELL NO. 7**

Utility Director John Murphy explained that Well No. 7 has been losing yield quickly and needs repair. He recommends that the well be pulled, televised to determine the issue and repaired, as was done in 2009. Based on the findings the well may be chemically treated or air burst to remove any blockage. Bacteria samples indicate there is also some growth in the well. The estimated cost is \$66,000-68,000 and funds are available in the Water Fund. The project would take about two months to complete. Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to recommend that Well No. 7 be repaired as needed to restore yield. Motion carried.

**POOL PARKING**

Alderman Payson asked members their concerns regarding the current pool plan and parking. Mayor Olson pointed out that future parking is included in the plan where the tennis courts currently are and in the green space on the north side as shown in the plan. Police Chief Christensen was also concerned with the location of the entrance to pool as it creates a drop off zone in the street; he would like to see the drop off zone be directed into the parking lot. Motion (Rehberg/Huss) for City Engineer to prepare drawings for parking lot options and the park itself and the boulevard coming off Walworth Street. Motion carries.

**DOG PARK**

Members discussed the idea of turning Tasch Park into a fenced in dog park. The park currently has a partial fence and water access. Lack of adequate parking was a concern. Alderman McClory was also

concerned about traffic on Lincoln Street, noise and liability. He asked the members to consider an alternate site, such as Mann Park as it already allows dogs. Recreation Director Ard reminded members that the dog park is a family type park where owners supervise their dogs. Members asked that the Park & Rec Board reconsider locations for a dog park.

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

The new ADA playground will be installed where volleyball is currently set up. An old wooden play structure will be taken down and disposed of. DPW Manager Nuss suggested that the current volleyball equipment be installed in the old play structure area. Costs would be minimal. Alderman Payson asked DPW Manager Nuss to bring at least two recommendations to the next meeting regarding moving the volleyball equipment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta  
City Clerk