

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

**October 13, 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., Greg Huss

Also present: Administrator Sam Tapson, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Finance Director James Heilman, Utilities Director John Murphy, Public Works Operations Manager Marty Nuss, City Engineer Gary Welsh, Police Chief Joel Christensen, Police Captain Jon Anzalone, City Residents Brad Herron and Ed Robers, and Elkhorn Newspaper Correspondent Kellen Olshefski

**HIDDEN TRAIL TRAFFIC ISSUES**

Resident Brad Herron said that there has been an increase in traffic and speed of vehicles on Hidden Trail. He said there are many children in the area and was concerned children would be hurt.

**Hoss Rehberg arrived at 4:01 p.m.**

Herron wants to divert traffic down Market Street and to install stop signs on Hidden Trail to deter traffic. Police Captain Anzalone said he has spoken with Herron and that stop signs are not used for speed control. If stop signs are put in in appropriate places, people won't abide by them and that will create a hazard. Captain Anzalone said that a July 7-13 study showed the average vehicle speed to be 24 miles per hour and a total of 656 vehicles. Police Chief Christensen said that the stop signs don't meet the warrants; an option that he suggested was a semi-diverter. City Administrator Tapson pointed out that according to the City Ordinances, stop signs are subject to warrants and to make any changes the Common Council would need to make sure that they are statutory complaint. If stop signs are installed where they shouldn't be the City can have legal liability issues. The Committee agreed that installing stop signs was not an option. Herron asked that the committee keep him updated if anything changes.

**FLASHING LIGHT TRUCK SIGNS FOR LINCOLN STREET**

Public Works Manager Martin Nuss informed the committee that he got three prices for flashing light trucks signs for Lincoln Street. The cost is \$3,000 for two signs. The signs would be installed covering north and south bound traffic. **Motion (Rehberg/Huss) to recommend flashing light truck signs.** Police Chief Christensen asked the committee to consider adding a yellow header supplemental plaque instead of the flashing light for the Court Street location. He would like the residents in that area asked if they would be OK with the flashing lights prior to installation. Alderman Rehberg was concerned that the present sign was partially hidden and wanted the traffic issues addressed. **Motion (Rehberg/Huss) amended to install yellow supplemental header plaque at the intersection of Court St. and Lincoln St. and to install flashing light truck signs for south bound Wisconsin St, prior Lincoln Street, for approximately \$1,500. Motion carried.**

**WELL NO. 7 REPAIRS**

Utility Director John Murphy said that during work on repairing Well No. 7 it was discovered that the pump needed additional repairs to make it functional. The bowl assembly of the pump needs replacement. The cost of the replacement is \$14,080, as provided on an invoice from Water Well Solutions. In addition, the motor, which is 20 years old, we sent to be reconditioned. While it was being dismantled a mercury leak was found. The leak occurred after the pump was removed from the well. Director Murphy recommended a new pump be purchased. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$32,000-35,000 for a new pump. Alderman Payson asked him what the lead time was. Director Murphy said quickest would be 2-3 weeks. He was unsure of the manufacturer but would have the information for the next Common Council meeting. **Motion (Huss/Rehberg) to recommend approval of an additional \$60,000 for repairs of Well No. 7. Motion carried.**

**2015 STREET PROJECTS: CITY ENGINEER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

City Engineer Gary Welsh handed out streets costs estimates and maps to the committee. Administrator Tapson recommended the committee take the time to read through the material thoroughly and analyze the information at the next committee meeting. Committee members agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion (Huss/Rehberg) to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.**

Cairie L. Virrueta  
City Clerk