

EAST BETHEL ROAD COMMISSION MEETING
April 9, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob DeRoche, Tom Eich, Lori Pierson-Kolodzienski,
Dennis Murphy, Daniel Nowack

ABSENT: Ron Koller

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager
Tom Ronning, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order Chair DeRoche called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Adopt Agenda **Commissioner Pierson-Kolodzienski moved and Commissioner Nowack seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
3. Oath of Office Jim Smith took the Oath of Office.
4. Approve Minutes **Commissioner Pierson-Kolodzienski moved and Commissioner Nowack seconded to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes with the following correction: Item 6 - 2020-2024 CIP Planning last paragraph first sentence “Chair DeRoche asked if the University Ave. ~~reconstruction~~ road surface will last until 2023.” Motion carried.**
5. Road Financial Information Capital Improvement Street Project State Aid and Non-State Aid
Ending balance through March 2019 is \$1,138,620.46. Mr. Ayshford noted that a couple of payments for the service road were made from the Street Capital Fund to finalize the project.

Public Works – Streets Operations Budget
Mr. Ayshford reminded the commissioners that the workers compensation insurance premium is paid up front, that is why it is at 156%. The rate has increased based on previous claims.

Chair DeRoche said the Commission needs to keep an eye on the MSA funds as some cities are asking for more, some cities say they do not get funding and supposedly there is a tight budget this year. Mr. Ayshford noted that the City’s MSA contribution went down this year.
6. No Parking request on Cty Rd. 24/237th Ave Background:
Staff has received a request to post a section of County Road 24/237th Ave as “No Parking” along the curves south of Minard Lake. In the past the area has been used as an unofficial landing for Minard Lake, however the property between the road and the lake is private and the property owners are having a difficult time keeping people from parking there and using it as a public landing.

This section of road is owned and maintained by the Anoka County Highway Department (ACHD) and they would be responsible for installing the signs. The ACHD would like support from the local municipality before any changes are made to the parking restrictions. The local support is required because the municipal law enforcement agency is responsible for any enforcement of the parking restrictions.

Chair DeRoche said by posting a no trespassing sign the property is covered for a year even if the sign is removed.

Ms. Elizabeth Arndt was present to share more information for the request. This piece of property used to be owned by Lot 990. She believes the previous owners did not enforce the land as being private property, so individuals have been using it as a boat landing and continue to do so. She and her husband have called the sheriff and by the time they arrive, the people are already out on the lake. Her husband has talked to individuals about the land being private property; she believes their home property has been targeted and vandalized by aggressive individuals. A meeting is scheduled with the DNR to look at the property.

It was suggested that maybe both sides of the road may need to be posted.

Mr. Ayshford reiterated that this section of road is owned and maintained by the Anoka County Highway Department (ACHD) and that ACHD would be responsible for installing the signs.

Chair DeRoche moved and Commissioner Pierson-Kolodzienski seconded to recommend to City Council support of Anoka County Highway Department posting a section of County Road 24/237th Ave. along the curves south of Minard Lake as “No Parking”. Motion carried.

The speed limit is 55 mph from Hwy 65. Ms. Arndt asked if the speed could be reduced to 35 mph. Mr. Ayshford said that would be a County decision. Commissioner Nowack asked if the city could get speed data on this section of road. Mr. Ayshford will talk with the County about setting up the speed recorder.

Ms. Arndt can post a children present slow down sign if it is on her private property and not on the right-of-way.

7. 2020-2024 CIP Planning

Background:

The Roads Commission prepares a Capital Improvement Plan annually which updates projected projects, evaluates priorities and establishes funding for these works for the coming year and for each of the subsequent years for a five- year period. This plan is presented to City Council for their approval and use for preparing the coming year’s budget.

A draft 2020-2024 Roads CIP developed from comments from the February 12, 2019 and March 12, 2019 Road Commission meetings was given to the commissioners to discuss those projects that are listed for 2020 and to determine if they need to stay in their current funding year or be rearranged to reflect any changes in the roads' priorities. Other projects can be added and existing ones can be deleted if there is a need for restructuring the schedule.

Staff sought input from the Road Commission on which projects to prioritize and add to the MSA Capital Improvement Plan and the Roads Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years.

Possible items up for addition to the MSA CIP include:

1. Davenport St. from 209th up to and including 213th Ave. (3/4 mile approx. \$550,000)
2. 181st Ave. from TH 65 to Jackson St. (3/4 mile with the cooperation of Ham Lake approx. \$800,00)
3. University Ave. from Sims Road to 221st Ave. (1 mile with the cooperation of Oak Grove approx. \$900,000)
4. Klondike Dr. (gravel 1¾ mile approx. \$1,500,000-\$2,000,000)
5. Durant St. Reconstruction/Mill & Overlay
6. Sunset Road Overlay
7. Advance Funding for the phased construction of the east side service road between 181st Ave. and Viking Blvd. phased construction of the east side service road between 181st Ave. and Viking Blvd.

A lot of patching has been done to Sandy Drive. At last night's meeting, City Council approved putting out for bids on this project. The plan is to have the project completed by mid-summer along with overlay on the roads north of the elementary schools.

Chair DeRoche requested the extension of the east-side service road going north to Viking Blvd. not be a priority and to use budget monies to maintain existing roads. Until there is a signed agreement with a developer, the city should not move forward on extending the service road. Commissioner Smith agreed with Chair DeRoche. Mr. Ayshford said after talking with Jack Davis, City Administer, they too agreed with not putting money into an extended service road at this time unless there is committed interest from a developer.

Mr. Ayshford said if the city were to take a three-year advance on the MSA funds, the city should be able to complete the projects listed through 2023. That would still leave another \$3 million to use toward another service road project should a developer come forward. Chair DeRoche cautioned that MSA funds are limited and to be aware of advancing money if it is not needed.

Both Oak Grove and Ham Lake agree with the timing of the joint road projects.

Chair DeRoche moved and Commissioner Pierson-Kolodzienski seconded to recommend the finalized Municipal State Aid and Street Capital Improvement Plans to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

8. Council
Report and
Other Business

Background:

Staff and the Roads Commission will discuss current issues facing the City Council.

City Council liaison, Tom Ronning reported the following:

- The annual audit report found the City to be in good standing.
- Council reviewed the last Roads Commission CIP and has put out for bids on Sandy Drive, Bataan Street and the change of an MSA road.

Mr. Ayshford noted:

- Thursday, April 11th - Town Hall Meeting. MNDOT will be there to discuss the reduced conflict intersection
- Thursday, April 11th - Chamber of Commerce Sunrise Breakfast will be at Route 65
- April 27th - recycling day with an Arbor Day celebration of tree planting

9. Adjourn

Commissioner Nowack moved and Commissioner Pierson-Kolodzienski seconded to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gessner, Recording Secretary
Submitted 4/20/19