

Minutes of the Buffalo Street Committee held on June 14, 2006.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dana Jo Smith at 4pm. Present was committee member Judy Hammons, Director of Public Works Dwain Bollman, City Engineer Leo Foley, and City Clerk Bill Bowers.

Curb and Gutter

Foley explained his suggested starting point for completing the City curb and gutter project. The first area to be completed would be bounded by Elm Street, Chestnut Street and Maple Street. Oak Street between Front and Chestnut would be included as well. Foley stated it's best to start with the area at the end of the project as the pipes will be largest here and it's very easy to expand the area with future projects.

The Committee discussed possible road and curb width. All involved agreed it's best to do the project right and agreed to a 36' road and 2' curb and gutter. The 36' road allows for 2 – 12 foot lanes and an 8' parking lane and the 2' curb and gutter will help protect against cracking when cars park on it. Foley explained that a 1½' curb will crack after time and that some communities are actually looking at 2½'.

Financing of the project was discussed. The Road Fund has \$400,000 and the main item to be paid from that amount is the resurfacing of Y-40. Bollman estimates the total cost at \$208,000 and added that it looks like the County will pick up \$178,000 of this cost. The Buffalo Ridge TIF project will cost \$180,000 as well, except that the City will be repaid from the TIF, should this project actually materialize.

Bowers asked if, once this first phase has been completed, it would be easy to identify and build future phases at a cost of \$100,000 each. The City receives approximately that sum each year from the State for roads. Foley said that would be easy once the first phase has been completed. This phase lays the groundwork and infrastructure for future additions.

Foley stated it would take 2 months to prepare plans and specifications for this project and actual building was at least 6 months out. This gives us time to see what Y-40 and Buffalo Ridge will cost and to analyze the funding options (Road Tax Fund, Bonding, borrowing from the General Fund).

Motion to recommend to Council to hire Veenstra & Kimm to prepare plans and specifications for the Lower West End Curb and Gutter Project by Hammons. Seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm by Hammons. Seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.

William Bowers
City Clerk