

Minutes of the Buffalo Community Development Committee held October 26, 2021.

Meeting called to order by Chair Trent Adams at 5:30, present members Judy Hammons, Mallory Bartleson, and Angie Gadzik.

Also present, Engineer Mike Janecek , RTM Lighting Engineer Joseph Duehlmeyer, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

### **Street Scape**

Mike Janecek updated the Committee explaining that he had completed majority of the surveying and topography. There were a couple of issues with ROW areas that he needed to work out. He would be bringing onboard Meg Flinker, a landscape architect to meet IDOT requirements.

The committee will still need to keep in mind the following issues.

1. Additional parking.
2. Sidewalk width. There are some size limitations on the east end of the project whereas the west end has adequate room for design.
3. Placing the electric underground and where the existing power is coming from.
4. Creating flood proof designs.
5. Distance for lighting fixtures.
6. Amenities:
  - a. Benches
  - b. Sound
  - c. Trash receptacles

Joseph Duehimer informed the committee that he would like to go with the Sternberg fixture. In his experience this fixture is durable and long lasting. The lights would be installed with hand holes located at a minimum of 5 ft to accommodate for flooding.

### **Boat Dock**

Clerk informed the committee that she had sent an informal email with no response and a follow up formal letter with no response to DM&E Railroad. Clerk suggested notifying council members the committee intention to open the private crossing at Maple. Additionally, to contact the attorney for legal advice on how to proceed.

Once a negotiation can be developed with DM& E, the committee can apply for grants for the installation of the boat dock and parking areas.

### **Housing Project Grant**

Clerk explained that she attended training and learned of a contact at ISU Extension Office that specialized in Community and Economic Development. She suggested a grant opportunity that is available through December. The cost would be \$5K upfront and they would come in and analyze the community and with the assistance of the public determine long- and short-term goals for housing projects. The city would be allotted \$10K to complete one or more of the projects identified in the program.

Motion by Gadzik and seconded by Bartleson to recommend to council to approve the grant project for Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Process.

**Public Input**

Committee discussed the stigma that revolves around Buffalo, possible annexation, development opportunities, and programs to help troubled children.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Hammons to adjourn at 6:19. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by City Clerk, Tanna Leonard.