

**CITY OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

A special meeting of the Public Utilities Committee of the City of Grafton was held in the Committee Room, City Hall, Grafton, North Dakota at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Chairperson Chris West presided. Members present: Phil Ray, Brian Sieben, Mary Stark, and Greg Young. Others present: Jon Markusen and Nick Ziegelmann.

The City Administrator will review the language of House Bill No. 1066 known as the Prairie Dog project, which provides funding for infrastructure repair, then Jon Markusen of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson will review the history of road projects in Grafton.

Mr. Ziegelmann explained the City will receive \$1.1 million from the “Prairie Dog” bill the 4th quarter of 2020 or the 1st quarter of 2021. The funds must be used for essential infrastructure and cannot be used for new development growth.

Jon Markusen from Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson provided some maps detailing the road repair work completed in the past throughout the City. Jon reviewed the street repair options:

- Overlay is placing an asphalt layer over the existing street.
- Mill and overlay is when some of the old surface is removed and a layer of asphalt is added providing a better tie in with the existing curb, better drainage, etc.
- Asphalt reconstruction is removing everything, including the base and laying a new base and asphalt. The curbs can be left in place or they can be replaced also.
- Concrete reconstruction is the same as asphalt reconstruction except the old is replaced with new concrete.
- Chip seal-maintenance to extend the life of the asphalt.

Mr. Young asked about the condition of infrastructure under the streets. Mr. Markusen recommended televising storm sewer and sanitary sewer lines; if the City is repairing a street then the infrastructure under the street needs to be checked. The cost would increase 10% to 30%. Also, ADA compliance must be considered when making repairs to streets.

Chairperson West said now that cities will have some funding to help with street projects, it will still be necessary to determine how to do the projects fairly so it will be equal to other projects that were done within the community. The local share to be special assessed will have to be determined.

Administrator Ziegelmann recommended the Committee set the project priorities and then have the conversation about what type of project at each street. Mr. Markusen will be able to provide an estimated cost per foot for a full reconstruction so the Committee can start to figure out how much each street would cost. The Committee will also have to determine the funding criteria and how to special assess the projects fairly.

The street priorities are Western Avenue, North School Road, and 5th Street from Hill Avenue to School Road could be widened.

Administrator Ziegelmann asked the Committee members to take the future project map and inspect all the streets to create their own list of priority street projects. This information should be provided to Mr. Ziegelmann by December 1st. The next meeting will be held January 13th after the City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Ray and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Chris West, Chairperson

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor