

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE

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Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of the INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Committee Members

**Chairman Benson
Alderman Musillami
Alderman Finn**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Benson, Alderman Finn and Alderman Musillami

Also Present: Mayor McDermott, Alderman Von Drasek, Alderman Frohlich, Alderman Mikolyzk, Treasurer Bolt, City Clerk Kmet, Finance Director Schutter, Planning Manager Trent, Superintendent Department of Public Works Serna, City Engineer Fitzgerald, and Angel Andes

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 9, 2024.

4.a. Approval of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2024.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 2024 were previously distributed to the members of the Infrastructure Committee.

A motion was made by Alderman Finn to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2024 meeting, seconded by Chairman Benson and motion carried unanimously.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND IF SO DETERMINED, ACTION UPON:**5.a. Consideration of proposed emergency connection to Stalford Road.**

Public Works Superintendent Serna stated that residents in the 6670 condo complex reached out to the City staff with concerns regarding an emergency exit to Stalford. The residents would like a locked gate with an access road connecting the condo complex to Stalford Road, to allow emergency service access to this development when Brainard Avenue is closed.

We received two options from Novotny Engineering. Option A is to construct a standalone project. The scope of the work consists of curb and gutter removal and replacement, tree clearing, earth excavation, aggregate base course installation, HMA binder and surface course installation, culvert pipe extension, security gate installation and topsoil and seeding restoration. Total estimated cost would be \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Option B is constructing these improvements as part of the City's annual street resurfacing project. The scope of work is the same as option A, but the project would benefit from the economy of scales. Total estimated cost would be \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Alderman Finn stated that he sees the emergency to do it now but we wouldn't be able to get the asphalt. Can we do this project with another project versus doing it as a standalone project?

Mayor McDermott stated that Deanna Brand from the condos is here tonight and she brought this up at Coffee with the Mayor. Mayor McDermott thanked Deanna for bringing this issue to our attention.

Alderman Finn made a motion to do it as part of the street resurfacing project with the shorter timeframe and a budget of \$30,000, it was seconded by Chairman Benson and carried unanimously.

5.b. Consideration to purchase a 2026 International Grappler Truck.

Public Works Superintendent Serna stated that DPW picks up brush on a weekly basis from April to the end of October. The grappler truck is used to pick up brush and the staff believes it will aid in the productivity and the effectiveness of brush pick up. This truck has been put into the 2026 budget.

Alderman Musillami made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 International Grappler Truck for \$240,999, seconded by Alderman Finn and the motion carried unanimously.

5.c. Consideration of bulk salt purchase from Cargill, Inc. in the amount of \$68.95 a ton through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program.

Public Works Superintendent Serna stated that the City of Countryside Public Works Department is a part of the Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. With being a part of this program, we are able to receive the best price available for rock salt.

The State of Illinois Joint Purchasing program does not require the City to receive bids for the salt. The State handles the procurement through the bidding process for the City's rock salt. With this year's bid process, the lowest bid came in at \$68.95 a ton through Cargill, Inc,

Alderman Finn made a motion to approve the purchase of bulk salt from Cargill, Inc in the amount of \$68.95 a ton and it was seconded by Alderman Musillami, the motion carried unanimously.

5.d. Discussion of the 5 Year Paving Improvement Plan.

City Engineer Fitzgerald stated that every 2 to 3 years the City goes through the streets and rates them to do improvements on them. For 2025 the streets we are looking at to improve are 55th Street to Plainfield Road, Brainard Avenue to Longview Drive, and Joliet Road to North Limit.

For 2026 the streets we are looking at to improve are Longview Drive to LaGrange Road, South End to 57th Street, South End to 57th Street, Plainfield Road to 54th Street, and 55th Street to Plainfield Road. Sixth Avenue which is 55th Street to Plainfield Road is not our worst street, but we have block grant money and we have to do it in 2025 or we lose the money.

For year 2027 with IDOT's intersection project on Joliet Road and Brainard Avenue we have to start thinking of Brainard Avenue south of Joliet Road. Rafferty's will be losing. parking spaces with the widening of the intersection.

For year 2028 as you all know Dansher Road is the worst Road. Dansher Road needs a new water main. We have applied for funding several times for both the paving and the water main, we are still waiting to hear back. We are hoping to get money for one of these projects.

For 2029 the streets we are looking at to improve are 71st Street to 67th Street, Golfview Road to Hillsdale road, 74th Street to 5th Avenue Cutoff, and Sunset Avenue to East Limit.

These streets are for the Committees review.

A motion was made by Alderman Musillami to bring the 5 year paving plan to City Council for approval, seconded by Alderman Finn, the motion carried unanimously.

5.e. Discussion on 15 Year Water Main Capital Improvement Plan.

City Engineer Fitzgerald stated that starting back in 2021 we changed the water main plan from 5 years to 15 years. Once you get out past year 6 or 7 it's just a big mess.

I have met with Superintendent Department of Public Works Serna and the Water Department to look over the original plan and coordinate all of the mains to see how old the pipes are.

I adjusted the chart for the upcoming jobs that I am aware of. The LaGrange Road water main project was just put out for bids. IDOT has put Dansher Road as their number one project.

When making the chart I took into consideration what projects we are paving.

I would like the Committee to look over the water main improvement plan.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

None.

7. ADJOURN.

There being no further business to discuss, Alderman Finn motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Musillami and motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted,

Alderman Mark Benson, Chairman

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