

Public Hearing
August 18, 2018

Mayor Konz opened the Public Hearing at 6:00pm

Councilmembers present: Tammy Konz, Sheryl Carlson, Kyle Christensen, Cindy Stelten and DuWayne Orbeck

Others present: Dave Blommel, Chad Koren, Jean Matua, Eileen Dahlinger, Russell Fellbaum, Jeff Swanson and Jerome Kuechle

City Engineer, Dave Blommel, presented information on Improvement No. 2021-01, the improvement of State Highway 15 between Trunk Highway 55 and 350 feet south of Linden Avenue by utility replacement and street reconstruction to those present. The City will be making these improvements at the same time MnDOT is reconstructing State Highway 15; original water main will be replaced and street lights will be installed.

Councilmember Orbeck stated that he is not happy about losing 4-5 feet on each side. The City Engineer explained that the design phase started 2-2 ½ years ago and he trusts MnDOT's judgement. Councilmember Orbeck stated that the property owner's will never get that property back; Mr. Blommel explained that MnDOT already owns the property.

Property Owner Jerome Kuechle stated his concerns regarding not being able to see when pulling out onto State Highway 15 with vehicles parked on the road. City Engineer, Dave Blommel, explained that the City Clerk has already been discussing parking visibility with MnDOT and increased signage has been talked about as a possible solution.

Councilmember Christensen inquired as to how the City goes about collecting the assessments? Mr. Blommel explained that property owners can pay upfront or the amount can be added to the property taxes and be collected that way.

Councilmember Orbeck stated that he is just not in favor of losing space. MnDOT Representative, Russell Fellbaum, explained that they can prove that slowing down traffic is done by narrowing driving lanes as it's worked in other communities as well. Councilmember Christensen explained that even he was not in favor of this until recently when he was passed by another vehicle after leaving the bank.

Mayor Konz mentioned that the street lighting was something that was included in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Orbeck inquired as to how wide-load trucks would be able to travel down through the City. Mr. Fellbaum explained that they would still be able to use this route, but the oversize/overweight vehicles must still use a special route.

Property Owner Jerome Kuechle stated that more parking is needed off of State Highway 15.

Councilmember Christensen inquired what the detour route would be; State Highway 24 to Meeker County Road 17.

Motion made by Kyle Christensen and seconded by Cindy Stelten to close the Public Hearing at 6:58pm; motion carried

Motion made by Sheryl Carlson and seconded by Cindy Stelten to adopt Resolution No. 08182020A Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans; motion carried
Those voting in favor: Tammy Konz, Sheryl Carlson, Kyle Christensen, DuWayne Orbeck and Cindy Stelten

Those voting against: none

Those absent: none

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski