



Public Works Committee

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September 27, 2023

8:30 a.m.

North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library

I) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

II) ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Bryant
George Jones
Randy Petty
Len Vohs
Izik Crispin

Absent: Clifford Martin
Gene Porter
Kevin Cass

Others Present: Justin Howalt, City Manager
Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk
Clint Bunch, Public Works Director
Bill Kshir, Assistant Public Works Director
Kevin Musick, Traffic Superintendent

III) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III.1) Approval of Minutes of July 26, 2023

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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: George Jones

SECONDER: Len Vohs

AYES: Chris Bryant, Clifford Martin, Gene Porter, George Jones, Randy Petty, Len Vohs, Izik Crispin, Kevin Cass

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

IV) NEW BUSINESS

IV.1 Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Street Lighting Pole Locations (capital outlay funding), Justin Howalt.

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Mr. Musick advised he checked with several lighting companies when this first came to his attention. Hallowphane doesn't sell to municipalities but he looked at companies that they supply. They are under a government contract so the price would be a little less. It takes about 3 weeks to get their paperwork completed and once that is approved they can go through the government state contract.

The next option would be to have a solar install. They have different options of lighting settings which would also determine the size of lighting panels, etc. They also have to look at night lighting so it doesn't shine into people's windows. If they go that route they won't have to do anything with Xcel Energy.

He asked if they would purchase the fixture and have a contractor install it or if they would hire a contractor that would install and purchase the fixture. They would also need to decide the height of the pole which will also affect the size of the fixture.

Mr. Musick advised with \$200,000 they could purchase 20-25 fixtures if they went the solar route. If they use a reputable company to purchase the batteries they would get 5-8 years out of the battery. The batteries he uses for the schools flashers cost around \$300.

If they go through Xcel Energy it will cost around \$1800 per light plus the electric bill. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if there was much maintenance for a solar pole. Mr. Musick advised there wasn't. The light fixtures have a life expectancy of 20-22 years and a 10-12 year warranty.

Mr. Petty asked if they get a couple of cloudy days would the solar lights not work. Mr. Musick advised they would have to have at least 5 days of no sun for them not to work.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant asked if all of the lights in the city were owned by Xcel. Mr. Musick advised not all of them were. The Sharondale area and Grand Avenue Homes are LED.

Mr. Musick advised if they were looking at decorative lighting they would need to have Xcel Energy power those.

Mr. Vohs asked if the residential lighting was more for security. Mr. Howalt advised it was for safety. Mr. Vohs advised years ago Xcel came to the city and the chamber regarding lighting and the cost was going to be so minimal so this was how Commerce and Main received lighting. He asked if they could ask Xcel to come up with some sort of RFP. Mr. Musick advised they still have it in place for Xcel to put in a fixture in a residential area.

Mr. Petty asked if Xcel would still do this work. Mr. Howalt advised they would have to research giving Xcel the infrastructure and having Xcel maintain it.

Mr. Howalt advised any new subdivision is required to put a street light at any intersection, end of cul-de-sacs, and every 500 feet of the intersections are spaced further than 500 feet. Mr. Petty asked if the city maintains the lighting. Mr. Howalt advised the city pays a per pole price to Xcel and Xcel has to maintain them.

Mr. Crispin asked what the city was requiring for new subdivisions regarding the range of configurations. Mr. Howalt advised the poles are 20-25 feet which is Xcel's standard size.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant suggested putting all of the money into District 3 and if they receive funding next year they can move on to another district. Mr. Vohs advised if they have a higher crime rate in one district then they might need to focus on that area. Mr. Howalt advised District 3 is the higher crime rate area.

Chief Rice advised they do have issues in the darker areas. They also have problems with the lights being damaged. He advised he could get the committee more information regarding higher crime rate areas.

Commissioner Jones advised he liked the idea of working per district. He would rather work on the south and west side of town. He made a motion to concentrate on District 3 for this round of the grant; Mr. Petty seconded the motion.

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	George Jones
SECONDER:	Randy Petty
AYES:	Chris Bryant, George Jones, Randy Petty, Len Vohs, Izik Crispin
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Clifford Martin, Gene Porter

V) UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

City Update

Sugarbeet

They will replace the concrete paving that is there currently.

MLK

They are working on a meeting for later this week. The low bid came in over budget so they are looking at ways to construct things.

Main Street sidewalks

The Commission approved the bid to Nick Griego. They are working through the contractual documents before they officially award.

7th Street

This is still ongoing but hoping to be completed in the next month or so.

Libelt Channel

The City received a grant agreement from the DOT for this trail. They will put in a walking/bicycle path from Bob Spencer to Greene Acres.

Commerce Way

The city received transportation project funds for Commerce Way from Prince Street to Main Street to redo the pavement section.

Mr. Bunch advised they applied for three projects last year on the transportation project funds through the NMDOT, Purdue drainage project, 21st St. between Norris and Prince and Commerce Way. They received the Commerce Way project is \$1.4 million.

Clovis Schools Update

CHS Football Stadium

The stadium lighting is completed. They will close the stadium after the game on Friday to start surfacing the track.

Band wall

This is complete with the wall and lighting.

Mr. Vohs asked if the band field matched the field at Leon Williams. Mr. Anaya advised it did.

VI) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Jones advised the intersection of Grand and Mitchell has had a lot of accidents. He asked if they could have a traffic count. Mr. Howalt advised they have already started that process. They are discussing the flashing stop signs.

Mr. Petty advised the visibility can also be very bad. Mr. Howalt advised it was a congested area and four lanes on Mitchell probably isn't warranted.

VII) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Chairperson

SEAL
(ATTEST)

City Clerk