

## EAST BETHEL ROAD COMMISSION MEETING

April 9, 2013

The East Bethel Road Commission met on April 9, 2013 at 6:30 P.M at the East Bethel City Hall for their regular monthly meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Paavola Tim Harrington Lori Pierson-Kolodzienski Deny Murphy  
Roger Virta

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Al Thunberg Jeff Jensen

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager  
Bob DeRoche, City Council Member

**Adopt Agenda Pierson-Kolodzienski motioned to adopt the agenda as submitted. Paavola seconded; all in favor, motion carries.**

**Approve –** Page 6/7 third paragraph, should be knew not new someone. He didn't know if it was  
**March 12,** really worth getting all excited about.  
**2013 Meeting**  
**Minutes Paavola motioned to approve the March 12, 2013 minutes with changes. Harrington seconded; 4 aye and one abstention (Virta), motion carries.**

### **Roads Financial Information**

Ayshford stated the first one is the operations budget, and we are a quarter of the way through the year. There are a few categories that we are a little bit above. Professional services fee he will look up. We have had some expenses in equipment parts. We have had some repairs we had to take care of in our shop. Other than that we are doing ok. Line 224 is the street maintenance material. A lot of that was salt that we purchased at the end of this year. We upped our order for 2014/2015. We had 150 ton left over going into this year. The State runs their budget from July – June. We usually get 650 tons. This past year we ordered 550 tons. We have a good stockpile to start off the year. We might need a little tomorrow or Thursday. Virta asked if the amount was consistent. Ayshford said yes, we have. We also have a 10% leeway on it. We can go from 590 to 710 tons.

The capitol funds summary, nothing has really changed this year. Virta asked about the 189<sup>th</sup> seal coat, is that by the theater. Ayshford said no, it is on the north side of Coon Lake. It is between Vickers and Yalta. Pierson-Kolodzienski said that is 187<sup>th</sup> by the theater. Ayshford said 189<sup>th</sup> is off of Jackson also and it is a gravel road. Virta said there is a 189<sup>th</sup> off of University.

Ayshford brought up the City map on the internet to show Commission members. He showed the neighborhoods, near Sportsman, Vickers, Edmar etc. Staples, Waconia and Jamestown are on the other side of Coon Lake. We are focused in that area for this year.

Virta asked if there were any questions or comments.

2014-2018  
Roads CIP

The Roads Commission prepares a Capital Improvement Plan annually which updates projected projects, evaluates priorities and establishes funding for these works for the coming year and for each of the subsequent years for a four year period. This plan is presented to City Council for their approval and use for preparing the coming year's budget.

Attached is the 2013-2017 Roads CIP and the proposed 2014-2018 Roads CIP. We will discuss those projects that are listed for 2014 and determine if they need to stay in their current funding year or be rearranged to reflect any changes in our roads priorities. Other projects can be added and existing ones can be deleted if there is a need for restructuring the schedule.

Possible items up for addition to the MSA Fund include;

- 1) Davenport Street from 209<sup>th</sup> up to and including 213<sup>th</sup> Ave (3/4 mile approx \$550,000)
- 2) 181<sup>st</sup> Ave from TH65 to Jackson St – near the new Acapulco (3/4 mile with the cooperation of Ham Lake approx \$600,00) – if they were to agree it would cost the City \$300,000
- 3) University Ave from Sims road to 221<sup>st</sup> Ave (1 mile with the cooperation of Oak Grove approx \$825,000) – if they were to agree it would cost the City \$412,500
- 4) Klondike Dr (Gravel 1 3/4 mile approx \$1,500,000-\$2,000,000)

This planning work will need to be completed by the conclusion of our May 2013 meeting.

He would like to get this approved here tonight. So it can go before the Council for the budget planning.

For 2014, there isn't anything planned for MSA streets. We advanced 2014, 2015, 2016 for Lincoln, Laurel and Longfellow. We have also changed on here our MSA contribution was \$539,000, now it is \$557,000. It shows us carrying a balance until 2017. DeRoche said how did the frontage road increase? Ayshford said they are last year's numbers. We are going to have a higher balance carrying forward, but not enough to tackle any major projects.

Virta said 2013 was already approved and that is in the bank. That is the one we did last year. That is the one we have been using as an operating plan for this year. Virta said the Roads Commission was not for the service road along the west side of Hwy 65. DeRoche said MnDOT was going to signalize that intersection at 221<sup>st</sup>, but not until 2015. So the City decided to do a frontage road on the east side of Hwy 65, and that wouldn't go. In the meantime the State came forward and bumped the project up until 2012. Anyway staff recommended that the west side service road go in anyways. He didn't vote for it, and wanted money to go somewhere else. Because it is a lot of money. Virta said that is how that chronology worked out. That is how we got approval for the frontage road.

We made the recommendation to not do the project to the City Council. Some other people thought we didn't want to pass up the money, and we had the grant there. It was part of the City's long-range frontage road plan. Harrington said they couldn't find anything to do there by the sewer area. Ayshford said the grant is only available if you close off access to Hwy 65. DeRoche said he was told that the money wouldn't be available any other time. Ayshford said that MnDOT wants to see uncontrolled access points closed for safety reasons. The Roads Commission's recommendation was noted in the write up. Virta said he missed the last month's meeting. DeRoche said it is still a topic of discussion. Virta said so then basically then when you talk about MSA, we are advancing until 2016. Ayshford said we could advance four years out or \$3,000,000. The State wants to see the money spent.

They want to capture some of these costs when construction is cheaper. Murphy said the proposed shared projects are a bargain, with Oak Grove and Ham Lake. Murphy said Klondike would be a project we can do. DeRoche said the assessments would be really high. Virta said there is a lot of frontage on there. Ayshford said it is a mile and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of gravel, and there are 14 residents on there. Virta said 181<sup>st</sup> from 65 to Jackson, that is carrying all the traffic that is being detoured for Viking. Ayshford said that isn't the official detour. Virta said that road is pretty beat up. Ayshford said Davenport is in the worst of all those roads. It would be from the intersection of Sims around by Flex Fitness. Ayshford said Ham Lake is looking at 181<sup>st</sup> and they put it on the back end of their 5-year plan. They have it in 2017 or 2018. Virta can't imagine what kind of shape it will be in 2018. Pierson-Kolodzienski said it won't last that long.

Virta said Davenport. DeRoche said doesn't it get potholes and need patching. Ayshford said yes, it is by Flex Fitness and Crashed Toys. Virta asked how much traffic it carries. Ayshford said there is quite a bit of traffic there. Pierson-Kolodzienski said the Flex Fitness is busy.

Virta said we would get a lot of leverage off of working with Ham Lake on 181<sup>st</sup>. That makes sense to him. That is in 2018. That is a long ways away. Ayshford said we could advance fund all the way up to 2015. That would put us at a zero balance up until 2018. DeRoche said it is a double edge sword, with all the business that is coming. Ayshford said the new roads that will be going in aren't eligible for the MSA funds. As we get more roads (mileage) in the City, then we can start designating other roads as MSA roads.

Ayshford said for this we are looking at MSA eligible roads. There is one area of University that we share with Oak Grove that has problems due to muskrats and poor subsoils.

Virta said we don't have enough money to do Klondike. Ayshford said correct, we do not at this time, but it could be saved for.

Virta said the 181<sup>st</sup> one, due to the leverage with Ham Lake, is worth prioritizing. He doesn't know how much traffic we are going to see as it develops. It is right adjacent to that development. He hasn't seen any plan for where the roads are going to be. Ayshford said it is the other side of the highway. We were looking at getting out of the area by the theater, having it exit to Jackson. That would relieve some of the pressure off that

intersection and but put it on more residential roads which is not ideal. Virta said that is a residential area, with an MSA road. His opinion is the Davenport and 181<sup>st</sup> are the two priorities. Virta said we would be able to pre-fund it from the following years. Virta said it makes sense. Pierson-Kolodzienski said get it on the schedule. Virta said get it on the schedule and we have room for changes. It is in the area that has the most growth. We have the cost sharing part of it. Do you need a motion on it? Ayshford said yes, we will be locked in for 2014 projects. We should have these projects on the schedule.

**Virta moved that Davenport from 209<sup>th</sup> and up to and including 213<sup>th</sup> and 181<sup>st</sup> items 1 and 2 be added to the MSA schedule for 2015. Pierson-Kolodzienski seconded. Motion carries unanimously.**

Street Capitol Fund, it is funded through the budget process, general fund transfer. Virta said 2013 stuff is in progress and we are discussing 2014. Ayshford said the last item on there, Whispering Aspen; we are working with the engineer on this one. We are looking at overlay, spot work or total reconstruction. There is also an additional fund that is eligible to pay for that. There is a fund, \$20,000, balance that will help pay for that down the road.

Virta asked if the new fiber network was hooked up. Ayshford said it is close to being hooked up.

Ayshford showed the neighborhoods to be worked on next year. That is for seal coating. 2015, we move over close to the City hall, near Sandy Drive and Palisade. Some of these were done before, behind the shop. Murphy asked how these are coming up, on the schedule. Ayshford said yes, it is easier to keep them all in the same area, and get things prepped, pipes, seal coating, etc. Virta said these are scheduled based on how worn out the streets are. Ayshford said they are worked on based on age of the road, condition, and proximity of similar roads.

In 2016 we work more on overlay projects. One neighborhood is in rough shape, Whispering Oaks development. That will be worked on in that year. Virta asked if there are any questions or comments on 2014, that is the one we need done for tonight for the Council. If these are being done based on how worn out they are. We should follow the basic recommendations that you come up with. We need a motion, then. Do you want just the 2014 or the whole list.

Ayshford said if you know of any streets that need to be moved up, or we will continue on with seal coating. Virta said he hasn't heard anything down in his area. The only thing that he is aware of is 181<sup>st</sup>. How about over by the Coon Lake? Paavola said except right there by the horse farm. Ayshford said that is still out there for the contractor to put in another overlay.

The seem doesn't match. Paavola said she noticed a big puddle there, by a house. Ayshford said we are working with the contractor on that one, it is Bryant Lane. The contractor hasn't received final payment or completed the punch list.

**Virta motioned that the items that posted on the Street Capitol Projects from 2014-2018 be recommended to the City Council for approval. Paavola seconded. Motion carries unanimously.**

Ayshford said that it is it for the Capitol planning. He will have to coordinate with Ham Lake for 181<sup>st</sup>. Virta said anytime we can piggyback with another City it makes sense.

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**Council  
Report and  
Other  
Business**

There is quite a bit going on DeRoche said.

Village Green - we received a letter from Met Council that they are going to hook up. We don't get any credit for it and Met Council gets their flow. We don't have to decommission it.

Klondike has been brought up. It was mainly when Viking Boulevard was shut down, and Klondike was the way to go. There was talk about treating that road. Ayshford said Klondike held up pretty well after the treatment last year.

The schoolhouse was before the council. There was a study done, and it went before the Parks Commission. He said look this is what it is going to cost. If you revamp it, it won't be a schoolhouse. We understand people are attached, but it should have never been purchased. We do have a couple contractors that will take it. The figure he has heard so far for someone to take it is reasonable. It has become a liability for the City. There is talk about using the pad for something else.

Council voted to put a hoist in for Public Works for doing maintenance. His main argument is, they have all this money in equipment. If we can keep some of the costs in house. We have to find ways to pinch pennies.

We are losing one employee. He is moving to another City. It was voted on to put out for applications for another Public Works employee. That position is already in the budget.

We have had two meetings on the budget.

Feasibility study for a water park. Virta hasn't heard that one. DeRoche said the idea came up after the last election. ADY Voltage did a study and a survey done at Booster Day's. Out of 151 responses, some people said they wanted a water park. It isn't costing the City any money. We initially had 2 hours of staff time. Now have had 16 hours of staff time, himself and Tom Ronning voted to not move forward. It is to try to get a developer to put up a convention center, water park and hotel. We got outvoted on that one. The analogy is it isn't going to cost us more than a postage stamp. Personally he would like to see us getting developers out on the different properties. Classic Construction has ten more acres south. The theater owns 10 or more acres south of them. Virta asked if they would get the water from the water supply. Ayshford said yes but it is recycled water, and it isn't fresh water going in there every day.

He watched the Legislature in the Senate there is a concern over the water in the aquifers. But there idea was clean water people to work with the DNR to monitor cities, to bill customers of the water, for quantity and quality of the water.

The water and sewer are up and operational. Aggressive Hydraulics is hooked up and tested it.

Ayshford said the Met Council is going to haul the waste water out to Fridley to the dump station for the first year until the plant is operational. Virta said they would come out by the gas station.

Pierson-Kolodzienski said they were flushing the hydrants the other day.

DeRoche said there were twelve hydrants that were broke. That came out about a week ago. Ayshford said it might be a manufactures defect or possible freezing problems. DeRoche said that will be a big move for Aggressive Hydraulics. They can't shut down to move. He had a pretty good talk with Paul Johnson and Wes.

DeRoche said that someone was telling him that Jackson came out really nice, but it floods. Virta said a few spots look soft or washed away. Ayshford said they would be going in fix those areas. It should flow correctly when they are done. The puddles are near the catch basins which do not have the final grade matched yet and have sediment traps in them that restrict flow until the project is complete. Virta said the soft areas that broke down, is that due to the sub base being bad? Ayshford said yes. They were aware of those spots in the fall but needed to pave it for the winter months. The contractor will be removing those sections and making corrections to the sub grade before the final lift.

It was voted and approved that the businesses down in the park are mandatory hook up. They have six or eight months to hook up. Ayshford said he thought it was December 31, 2013. DeRoche said they might want to go on the website and read the ordinance. He doesn't understand people were told they wouldn't have to. What are you going to do? He voted against it. He understands and thinks we need to work with these people. We can't drive people out of here.

Virta said there is a lot of residential development. Pierson-Kolodzienski said there is a lot in Ham Lake and Andover. All of these in all the cities are in foreclosed lots on that already had the developments platted. Pierson-Kolodzienski the lots are being scarfed up because they are so cheap.

DeRoche said there was a moratorium put on in 2004/2005, because of sewer and water coming in. It turned off people. Ayshford said going into this we only had two or three developments with numerous open lots. DeRoche said we need to plat these lots out. We need to get that done. Ayshford said it is starting to show signs of recovery.

DeRoche said we have a new building inspector, Steve.

Ayshford said on the schoolhouse, it is available for sale, \$1.00 for the highest bidder.

DeRoche said we have been tossing the idea around about making the Public Works

building larger. He thinks Public Works has been ignored for a while. Ayshford said we share four stalls with the Sheriff's Department in our shop. It is a jigsaw puzzle to get things in and out.

The Decommissioning of the Castle Towers plant. We will be bidding out the force main in the next couple weeks.

Next Tuesday is at the Town Hall meeting, in the Senior Center starting at six.

Murphy said the first item you brought up with the trailer park being brought on board. How is that happening without us getting credit? DeRoche said it is because it isn't a new connection, because they have an existing sewer treatment plant down there. Why they weren't included initially as a mandatory hook up, they were out of it. Up until a month or a month and a half ago, we were told they didn't have the money. For water, it is customers for us. Part of the ordinance is if you have sewer you have to have water.

Virta said when Aggressive Hydraulics moves in they would have how many ERUs. DeRoche said they would have 16. We initially needed 100 ERUs. Right now we only have to do 50 ERUs, well guess what next year it is another 140, and then it keeps going up. So yeah it was nice that we have 50, but the same deal doesn't true for future years. Met Council has put together a committee to come up with a way to pay for the infrastructure other than with just SAC charges. Who knows where that will go? But any new connections, senior housing, housing, etc. If we put in senior housing with 120 units, that would be 120 ERUs. Even with that. 2015 is kind of the number, when the proverbial stuff will hit the fan. This year we are \$90,000 short. Next year we could be anywhere from \$150,000 to \$450,000 short. Doesn't make sense to him since all the experts said we would be good to go. Virta said the ordinance passed that would hook up businesses. DeRoche said some businesses say we were good five years ago with money in the bank, now we are working on working capitol and if this comes through, we will be done.

**Adjourn**      **Pierson-Kolodzienski motioned for adjournment. Paavola seconded; all in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Anderson  
Recording Secretary