

City of Lodi Special Common Council Meeting Minutes
Public Hearing – Pond Street
May 19, 2020

Present: Mayor Groves Lloyd, Alderperson(s) Clemens, Hansen, Miller, Stevenson, Strasser, Tonn

Staff: Julie Ostrander, Dawn Collins, Lanette Mayberry, Pat Staszak

Others: Andy Zimmer (remote), Deb Westbury, Eric Oberling, Talia Oberling, Ronald Kirner, Arlene Kirner, Heather Sommer, Michael Sommer

Mayor Groves Lloyd called the special meeting to order at 5:32 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall, 130 South Main Street, Lodi WI.

Roll call was taken – Alders Clemens, Hansen, Miller, Strasser, Stevenson and Tonn were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Groves Lloyd reviewed the virtual etiquette for the meeting.

Public Hearing. Andy Zimmer from MSA gave an overview of the Pond Street construction project and reviewed the preliminary special assessment report. The assessment to residents recovers 50% of sidewalk, curb/gutter, and a nominal portion of engineering costs. He stated the preliminary assessment shows the worst-case scenario in terms of cost to residents. A final report will be completed once costs are confirmed and the City will then pass a resolution for special assessment. Stevenson mentioned, in the past, residents had an option to pay special assessment costs up front or to spread the cost out over 4 years on the resident's tax bill.

Mayor Groves Lloyd opened the floor to questions:

Eric Oberling-225 Pond Street: Stated he sees a mathematical error on the odd side of the street. Zimmer later acknowledged there was an error on the report that went out with the public notice, and that corrections have already been made.

Deb Westbury-312 Pond Street: Stated she has concerns about the new sidewalk being put in not matching with the existing sidewalk that leads up to her house. She inquired about the company pouring the concrete possibly replacing the sidewalk up to her house. Zimmer stated she would be responsible for the cost of this, and that he would talk to the field rep to contact her about planning this work separately. Westbury also had concerns about garbage pickup. Staszak stated residents should continue putting their carts out by the street and either the construction crew or City employees would pull them to Fair Street to be dumped. Westbury went on to ask why she was never required to have a sidewalk before but has to put one in now. Stevenson explained this is because of our City Ordinance on sidewalks.

Arlene Kirner-221 Pond Street: Stated she didn't understand why curb and gutter were their responsibility. Zimmer stated it has been a long-standing policy of the City to assess for 50% of the cost. She also asked if the road had been widened because when cars park on both sides of the street, it is hard to drive a car through that space. Zimmer stated the road had not been widened. She wondered if the street could be changed to one-sided parking. Stevenson stated that one-sided parking could be brought before the Public Safety Committee if she would like to pursue it.

Eric Oberling-225 Pond Street: Oberling addressed Council again and asked what City taxes and the wheel tax pay for if they have to pay for curb and gutter. Tonn stated that the total cost of the project was approximately \$349,000. The amount collected for wheel tax each year is approximately \$60,000. The amount assessed to residents on that street is not a large percentage of that cost. Mayor Groves Lloyd stated that not only is the street being redone, but the infrastructure under the street is also being replaced. This includes sewer and water lines. She also stated that there is not a lot of State aid to help pay for streets. Oberling requested that the payoff time be longer than 4 years. Mayor Groves Lloyd stated that this could be looked at.

Adjourn. MOTION (Stevenson, Strasser) to adjourn at 6:08 PM. **Motion carried.**

Minutes by: Lanette Mayberry, City Clerk