

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**08/25/2021**

The Board of Public Works Committee met in regular session in the council chambers at 5 p.m. on August 25, 2021. Chairman Tony Thier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

Chairman:	Tony Thier
Mayor:	Michael Bablick-excused
Aldermen:	James Corbett Dennis Wartgow Michael Mader
City Administrator:	Brentt Michalek

Also present: Michelle Smith, Dan Greenwood, Kathy Rose, John Novitzke, Dina Bukachek and Russ Zimmermann.

There was no public comment.

The committee was informed that an east side neighborhood “alley” is not platted. The City has always done maintenance and plowing. At this point, the City cannot continue to maintain this property...it is private property. Administrator Michalek presented two options to the Committee. They can recommend to the council to abandon the alley or they can have a CSM (Certified Survey Map) which will cost between \$6,000-\$10,000 but they must have complete sign off from ALL owners before a CSM is requested. John Novitzke asked if all the neighbors can just agree to have it the way it is now because it has been this way for over 66 years and no CSM needed. Administrator Michalek stated that once an issue comes forward, the City does have to fix it properly and, in this case, a CSM would be needed. Alderman Wartgow made a suggestion that the City pays for the CSM and not the affected home owners. Kathy Rose stated that she is not aware of anyone objecting to the City taking the land. Administrator Michalek stated that he can have Attorney Schoenborn draft a letter and have all landowners sign off and then proceed with the CSM at that point. Nothing will change for the landowners if this is done except for the City will now have legal rights to that alley. Motion by Alderman Wartgow and seconded by Alderman Thier to recommend to the council to have the attorney submit letters to all of the homeowners and for the council to pay for the CSM once all of the letters are returned from the homeowners. In addition, the recommendation is for the attorney to file a claim with the existing alley with the Register of Deeds. Motion carried.

Administrator Michalek presented different preliminary designs and ideas for the downtown park. Looking at having tables, benches, a pavilion and a band shell as well as a kids’ area.

The Committee discussed the billboards that the City has been paying for from Stan Saylor. There was a motion by Alderman Mader and seconded by Alderman Wartgow to recommend paying this expenditure to Saylor Signs. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Michelle M. Smith  
Treasurer and Clerk