



Minutes
Special City Council Meeting
May 14, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
(315 Main St S, Pine City, MN)

In attendance: Mayor Carl Pederson, Councilor Steve: Ovick, Councilor Gina Pettie, and Councilor Brian Scholin.

Absent: Mary Kay Sloan

Staff in attendance: City Administrator Matthew Van Steenwyk and City Engineer Greg Anderson.

Mayor Pederson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discuss putting sidewalk along the north side of 5th Avenue NE, the west side of Lake Street NE, the south side of 6th Avenue NE, and the west side of Westchester Drive NE – Anderson provided an overview of the proposed sidewalk project and the properties affected.

John Haney -475 5th Ave NE – Made comment related to the impact of snow plowing on the proposed sidewalks. He asked who benefits, stating there is no need for sidewalks.

Gail Laugerman – 440 6th Ave NE – Made comment on concerns of the ROW reduction and the resulting closeness of the sidewalk to the homes. She also noted concerns with shoveling and any potential for an individual slipping on the sidewalk and the potential for being sued. She added that blinking stop signs and children at play signs could aid in slowing the speed of traffic.

5th Ave & Westchester Male – noted concerns with the existing storm drain infrastructure.

Harold Taylor -465 5th Ave NE – Noted concerns existing manholes and power poles that would be in the way of the sidewalks.

Dena Caminati – 505 2nd St NE – Made comment on concerns with snowmobiles crossing her property. She also noted concerns with the sidewalks taking up her yard as well as the impact of the snow melt in the spring as the snow would need be moved closer to the house to accommodate.

Brent Jahnz – 445 & 455 5th Ave NE – Made comment that 5th Ave was a main artery to the neighborhood, noting that the sidewalk would help with safety concerns with pedestrians. He made an inquiry as to if the home

owners would be assessed for the sidewalk costs. A response was provided that the properties would not be individually specially assessed for the sidewalk installation.

Barb – believed to be 435 5th Ave NE – Made comment on the road width and that she did not want to maintain the sidewalk.

A discussion was had on the speed of traffic in the neighborhood with note of the need for painting the crosswalks.

Tom, address unknown, - Noted that the Pine County Sheriff's Office is addressing the noise and speed complaints. He made a comment on who pays the City Share of the project. A response was made that it comes out of the City's City-Wide General Levy.

A discussion was had on the level of enforcement in the neighborhood. A comment was made that any enforcement issues should be noted with the Pine County Sheriff's office.

Van Steenwyk noted the receipt of an email from Wanda Cameron, 135 5th Ave NE, that indicated she did not support the sidewalk project.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:48 pm by Pettie, seconded by Scholin. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Matt Van Steenwyk
City Administrator