

ROADS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
January 7, 2021 4:00pm

In Attendance:

Members: Chairman Mike France, Councilman Bill Farnham, Councilman Ed Conley

City Staff: Jason Chapman, Michele Brown, John Doyle, Amber Box

Miriam Jones, Mitch McDonald, Tracey York

Guests: Darrell Maurino, Keith Pritchard, Mike Dunbar

1. **Call to Order & Citizen Comments** – Councilman Conley called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes-** Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2020. Councilman Conley seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Street issues and Improvement Updates**
 - a. **Benton Street-**There is an overlap seam on Benton Street from it being newly paved. This is not a concern at this time. If it moves then it will be repaired.
 - b. **Francis Street-** There was a utility cut on Francis Street that needed to be filled in. This has been completed.
 - c. **Stop signs at Dyer Street, Intersection of School Street and Lynn Street-** Stop signs are in good shape but the pole was destroyed at Dyer Street. The pole has been fixed. The pole that holds the stop sign at the intersection of School Street and Lynn Street needs to be replaced because it is too short. Poles have been ordered and when the pole comes in it will be replaced. Councilman Conley wants one of the stop signs to be removed at the intersection because there are two which makes it a two way stop at School Street and Lynn Street and there is no reason for traffic traveling on School Street to have to stop. Councilman Farnham asked if there should be a watch for Emergency Vehicles sign placed near the new jail. It was suggested to contact MODOT before placing any new signs. The committee agreed to bring this topic back to the next meeting before making a decision.
4. **Volkswagen Trust Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program-** Mr. Doyle provided the committee with information for the Volkswagen Trust Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program which is a grant that the City could apply for in order to get charging stations to be installed downtown.
5. **Parking around the square-** Mr. Doyle stated that at the last Roads and Grounds meeting the existing ordinance and S & T layout study on parking around the square was provided to the committee for review. The committee discussed making the flow of traffic a one way around the square and changing parking by the Sheriff's Office since the new jail is being used now. Councilman Farnham would like to leave the square alone because it makes no sense to make it a one way. He would still like to address parking by the Sheriff's office. There needs to be a discussion with the Sheriff's Office to obtain the parking spots back and open them up to public parking. Chairman France agrees to table the one-way traffic flow and move forward with speaking to the Sheriffs Office about the parking spaces.
6. **Street Department Updates-** Jason Chapman provided the committee with an update on street repairs for 2021 to include areas on Swedeborg, Bluff Circle, Hospital Rd, Sunset, Frances to Bobby Dale, Fleetwood, Cedar St, CW Parker, Old Farm East, Old Farm West and Lyle Curtis.
7. **Other Business-** January 18 City Hall will be closed. January 19 is that last day for candidate filing. Mr. Doyle stated that there was an issue with no stop sign on Hillside at South Lynn. There use to be a stop sign but it was removed because bigger trucks that would enter/exit would always end up