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Special Meeting

June 15, 2018

City Council met in Special Session at 5:30 PM on June 15, 2018. Mayor Gary Heilbrun called meeting to order. David Weaver gave invocation.

Roll call was taken. Present were Aldermen Jane Baine, Barbara Welch, Adam Hogan, Chris Ellsworth, and Mayor Gary Heilbrun. Absent: none. Also present were David Weaver and approximately 6 guests.

**Agenda:** Motion made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Adam Hogan, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: Aldermen Baine, Welch, Hogan, Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Future Road District:** Mike Atkinson from Allgeier Martin presented a proposed transportation improvement plan to the council. He spoke to the Aldermen about a Bill Grant that is an extension of a Tiger Grant that is sometimes offered annually to every 2 to 3 years. This grant is worth approximately 1.5 billion offered by the Department of Transportation with a breakdown of 150 million per state and 25 million per project. Mike spoke to the fact that grant states the difference between a rural grant and an urban grant. The grant will be divided Rural 30% and Urban 70% and the division is based on population. They based the area on the 2010 census and therefore Duquesne falls into the Urban area definition.

Timeline: June 4, 2018 the application window was opened. The application due date is July 19, 2018 and the award date is December 18, 2018. The obligation agreement where design and construction can begin will extend to September 30, 2020. The total expenditures all due by September 30, 2025. To trim the project down the plans that are being looked at would start at the round-about and go east.

The expense of putting the grant together would be 160 hours which totals \$12,500 to assemble the grant.

The grant application can be used again should it be declined the first time around. Duquesne is not an entitlement community where they receive funds from MoDot like Joplin does. We would need to get Police and Fire involved. Alderman Welch asked if Allgeier Martin would have their expenses go up in the future should we decide to wait until a later time to work up the grant application. She was told that the cost is up front and is an investment.

Mike Atkinson stated that this is a nationwide grant so it is important that we get it submitted early and they would like to be able to get it submitted in advance of the deadline of July 19, 2018.

Alderman Ellsworth brought up that we have an ordinance set up in 2012 on 75 foot setbacks for 20<sup>th</sup> Street. He also stated that we need to get a new ordinance set up for Duquesne Road to have a 75 foot setback.

Alderman Welch stated she thought it would be beneficial to apply for a grant for 20<sup>th</sup> street. Alderman Hogan asked Mike if Allgeier Martin has written any for Joplin – the answer was “no” they received a copy of the Joplin 20<sup>th</sup> Street grant that we can use as a guide. Alderman Welch asked Mike and Chris how much would it cost to do 20<sup>th</sup> Street only and was told 13 million. Alderman Ellsworth stated that the round-about would have to have some alterations made to it to maintain the same capacity as it currently holds.

Mike Atkinson stated that you take what you are awarded for the grant That it is stimulus spending that they want you to use. David Weaver stated that we should go above the amount needed instead of just settling on the 13 million. Mike Atkinson said that the \$12,500 would be worked into the project if we were awarded the grant.

One thing Mike Atkinson stated was that in the grant application the match has to be stated in the original application. It was brought up that if we use the traffic district, their components are commercial and 20<sup>th</sup> street is not geared for that.

David Weaver stated that Senator Blunt is helping to back this project. Alderman Hogan asked if we could give approval then within four weeks find people to help with the match funds. Alderman Hogan stated that it might be more beneficial if we shoot for the full amount. Alderman Ellsworth stated that Duquesne road is more expensive because of the right-away issue. It was brought up in discussion that if we were to put up a bond issue to the citizens to help with the matching funds that it would be voted down even though it would benefit a large number of people.

Alderman Welch put the question out to the Board to see if we want Allgeier Martin to begin the project. At that point it was stated that the council did not feel we could do the full amount. Alderman Welch suggested that we look at the options and only do 20<sup>th</sup> Street at this time.

Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that focusing on 20<sup>th</sup> street it might be a good idea to have the Parkway set up from Raymiller to Round-about. Then Davis to the Round-about

would be five lanes. He also mentioned that in his opinion a left turn lane can move a lot of traffic.

David Weaver suggested that we apply for the full amount and whatever we get awarded we could scale back so that we would be able to use up the money that we receive. If we scale back the main thing we have to be aware of is that we have to justify what we did with the funds so that would not hinder any future grant applications. He then put it up to the council asking if we should apply now or wait and apply the next round. He also stated that the main purpose of this meeting was to decide if we feel that the city can fund this.

Mike Atkinson stated that the city would pay nothing to apply except what we would pay for filing the application.

Motion made by Adam Hogan, seconded by Chris Ellsworth, to authorize Allgeier Martin to move forward with the preparation of the grant for filing purposes and pay them \$12,500 for their services. Ayes: Aldermen Baine, Welch, Hogan, Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Adam Hogan, to adjourn. Ayes: Aldermen Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 7:01 PM, meeting adjourned.