

STREETS, ALLEYS, AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee met on Monday, February 8, 2016 at Noon in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chairperson Jay Christensen, Greg Bladt and David H. Pedersen

Absent: None

Also Present: Pete and Jeff Leinen, Steve Long, Frank Clark, Mike Kolbe, Dan Ahart (Shelby County Engineer), Dave Miller, Jani Sorfonden, Ron Buck, Mayor Gene Gettys and Terry L. Cox

Meeting was called to order. Greg Bladt made a motion seconded by David H. Pedersen to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

If there is a conflict of interest, it is to be stated if and when applicable. None stated.

Steve Long went through a map of 3rd and 4th Street going north was Hill St. intersection regarding the recent signs that were installed for no parking on the south side of hill. He claims that no one on the petition are affected by the no parking because they use the alley to get to their garages. After lengthy discussion it was moved by Greg Bladt and seconded by David H. Pedersen to remove the no parking signs that were just installed and to add a sign stating “No Parking Between Signs” and there will be a map for City Council to show where they go. Motion carried unanimously.

Sidewalks:

- Ron went through a map showing the sidewalks that were installed in 2015, ones that were not installed and ones that never received a sidewalk letter due to not having an address and assuming that HCCE still owned them all. We had approved 14-17 properties that Dave Martin will be putting in by June 1st, 2016. There will be another letter written for the property owners that never received a letter and they will have until October 15th, 2016 to put them in.
- Ron and Terry will work on the I-WALK study for bad sidewalks once they can get the new sidewalks put in.
- There was no Precision Concrete Cutting presentation due to weather.

Blue Zone:

- People would like to see a bike rack on the southwest corner of the courthouse property and Marsha Carter said that they could. It was agreed that the City will purchase a small bike rack and see how it is utilized.
- Crosswalks were painted this summer and it was discussed if we want to do Downtown mid-block crosswalks for North-South and East-West on the square. After discussion, it was decided that the current crosswalks are sufficient and we would lose parking stalls.
- Terry asked if there needed to be discussion on the traffic flow for downtown and 6th and 7th Street regarding one-way versus two-way and it was agreed that there was no need for discussion.

Street Superintendent’s Report:

- Ron went through his work report, see attached.
- Ron handed out a map for proposed painted bike lanes that would only go with the flow of traffic, see map.

City Administrator’s Report:

- Terry talked with Kirkham Michael about the bridge on 7th Street. Dan Ahart will help us when it comes time to work on it. Estimated cost is going to be between \$35,000-\$45,000 to hire the design to be done.
- Frank Clark was present to discuss last weeks Snow Emergency and how the Police Department Facebook page had at least 800 hits and the following Monday there were 1,300 hits on their web-site. The Snow Emergency will be posted on the City of Harlan web-site as well.
- Jani Sorfonden was present to discuss a \$25,000 Wellmark Foundation Grant and handed out some papers regarding bike trails and miscellaneous and the City of Harlan may want to apply for this grant.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to committee approval at the next regular meeting.