

Mayor David Anderson called the special council meeting of January 27, 2014 to order at 1:40 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Rick Alonzo, Council Members Ron Smith, Connie Wells, and Tom Mayo, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Attorney Andrakay Fluid, and Economic Development Coordinator David Sims. Also present was Dave Gray.

The purpose of the special meeting was to consider a contract with HMH Engineering for preparing cost estimates for the Augusta Street sidewalk/drainage project.

David Sims told council that Idaho Transportation Department has a grant program called Community Choices and the city has submitted a pre-application for the Augusta Street sidewalk/drainage project. He said the city has applied for this street project several times and we have been close in garnering funding each time it has been submitted. He said the cost estimates have varied on this project in the past and we need a good cost estimate. If we are successful in getting the grant and our costs come in higher than the grant, the city is responsible for the higher costs. David said the City of Ponderay has been successful in getting grant funding and they have used HMH Engineering for their cost estimates. He said if the grant is awarded to the city, we would still have to go out for engineering for the project. The contract for estimates is for not more than \$1,100 with HMH and is on an hourly cost basis. David said they will estimate costs and supply us with much needed data to enhance our grant application.

Dave Anderson said there is a transference of students using the gymnasium at Valley View so there is always foot traffic on Augusta Street. He thinks this project would put a lot of kids out of harm's way. Dean Satchwell did a traffic study and there are about 1,000 vehicles per day traveling on Augusta Street. Stephen said the proposal is for only one side of the street and will line up with the highway crossing. David said the principal at Valley View School would like to slow traffic down for the school children crossing the street between the kindergarten and Valley View whether it be by narrowing the street for the crossing, mechanical closure arms, or just limiting the crossing points. Ron Smith said the school would like to limit the traffic in front of the school during school hours. Stephen said he and John have looked at MUTCD requirements and have not found one to fit this for signage. He said we may have to have an expert help with the signage required. David said whatever the resolve is for the Valley View crossing or street closure, it can be included in the grant. The city match required for the project is 7.3 percent according to David Sims.

Ron Smith moved to proceed with the contract for HMH Engineering for Augusta Street sidewalk/drainage project construction cost estimates. Rick Alonzo seconded the motion. The motion passed – Ron Smith “yes”, Rick Alonzo “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Tom Mayo “yes”.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk

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