

City of Seward Planning Commission

Minute Record

July 18, 2022

The City of Seward Planning Commission met in regular session at 7:30p.m. July 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building at 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska. Upon roll call the following Commission Members were present: Dan Ellis, Sue Bowen, Jeremy Tonniges, Ron Niemoth, Scott SeEVERS, and Lacey Koch. Other Officials present: Building and Zoning Director, Tim Dworak, Street Superintendent, Bob Miers, City Engineer, Michael Oneby, City Administrator, Greg Butcher, and Administrative Assistant, Sara Van Cura.

Absent members were: Clarence Kotera, Russ Souchek, Ron Wallman, Traci Menke

All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public. The meeting with the Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chairperson Ellis at 7:30 p.m. He requested that all individuals speaking during the public hearing limit their comments to five minutes.

1. Public Hearing 7:30pm: review the 2023 One (1) and Six (6) Year Public Roads Plan for the City of Seward, NE.

Vice Chairperson Ellis opened the public hearing.

Michael Oneby, City Engineer, explained the 2023 One (1) and Six (6) Year public roads plan. There are two memos, one that describe two projects added for East Seward and one about brick reconstruction.

Commission Member SeEVERS asked do we anticipate help from the state, finding other revenue, or we know that we will just delay things.

Oneby stated we do get funding from other sources.

Vice Chairperson Ellis stated historically we do a project by project for funding but now we get a sum of money. When do you find out what they're sending for funding streets.

Butcher stated we usually know by budget time.

Vice Chairperson Ellis asked about project 22 on the 6-year plan and if there was any other conversations with the County.

Butcher stated there are discussions at the Board of County Commissioners.

Marcia Karel, 194 E Seward St, spoke regarding the north/south roads to alleviate congestion on Columbia. Karel also stated that the Lindell paving should be a higher priority.

Jan Matzke, 15 Seward St, spoke regarding the north/south roads to alleviate congestion on Columbia.

Joe Mazurek, 140 E Seward St, spoke regarding the north/south roads to alleviate congestion on Columbia. If they could spread out the traffic with Lindell it would be

beneficial during the Highway 15 congestion.

Vice Chairperson closed the public hearing

Commission Member Koch stated there was talk about making E Seward Street a one-way street.

Oneyby stated that it was not favorable overall.

Commission Member Seevers made a motion to recommend the 2023 One (1) and Six (6) Year Public Roads Plan for the City of Seward, NE; Commission Member Tonniges seconded.

Commission Member Seevers stated that Prairie Flower Rd from 34 to Bluff road be moved from long range to the 6-year plan and it is important to the people on East Seward St.

Vice Chairperson Ellis stated that Lindell being paved is highly desired to have more priority.

Commission Member Seevers stated project 17 on the 6-year plan, that we spend the extra money to bury the electrical lines along hillcrest.

Vice Chairperson Ellis stated it would be good to have one or two of the alternative options for north/south roads for next years 1 and 6 with the understanding that this is a living document that changes year to year.

Commission Member Bowen asked how you would widen the curve on Lindell and Jackson.

Oneyby stated we either leave it narrow or acquire right-of-way.

Aye: Ellis, Bowen, Tonniges, Niemoth, Seevers, Koch

Nay: None.

Absent: Kotera, Soucek, Wallman. Motion carried.

2. Administrative Items

3. Reports

4. Agenda Items

None

5. Upcoming Events

Meeting adjourned 8:42 PM.

Sara Van Cura
Administrative Assistant