

ROADS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
September 5, 2023 4:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

**Members:** Chairman Bill Farnham, Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Amanda Koren

**City Staff:** John Doyle, Doug Potts, Miriam Jones

**Guests:** Keith Pritchard, Jerry Brown, Charles Pfennig, Esia Mann, Jon Atwater, Tony Fernsler, Mayor Sean Wilson

**Media:** Darrell Maurina

**1. Call to Order & Citizen Comments** – Chairman Farnham called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments: Charles Pfennig stated he lives at 129 Summit Pass and there hasn't been any maintenance in the last year on Swedeborg and would like to know what the plan is. John Doyle stated he is waiting on one more easement and then can work on aligning the clearing of the right of way to include over hanging trees then extend and install new culverts to get rid of drainage underneath roadway; would like to start this fall; it will be several phases; won't see paving this year as it is too late in the season. Charles Pfennig stated that the long term fix is good to hear but you would think the developers would help maintain; would like city crew to come out to level out potholes until permanent fixes can be made. Esia Mann lives at 116 Summit Pass and stated she has talked to the councilman in her ward several times about the road condition. She is concerned about the construction trucks that continue to fly through. Esia Mann also stated that you can't see the speed limit sign on Swedeborg and there is no stop sign or yield sign where the new road that Rowden has put in meets Summit Pass. Mr. Doyle stated there will be a stop sign on that road this week.

Jerry Brown stated he lives at 1390 State Route F and would like to know why city workers were doing MODOT right of way cleaning. Mr. Doyle asked what location he was referring to and if it was the slope on Historic 66. Jerry Brown said that is the area he saw city workers at. Mr. Doyle said he approached MODOT about that slope and MODOT said they were only going to spray the area which wouldn't address the overhanging debris so with MODOT's permission city crews cleared the area. Jerry Brown asked if city maintains access to the frog. John Doyle stated it is maintained quarterly. Jerry Brown stated what if someone has an accident and falls down the hill and sues the city; it is an attractive nuisance. Mayor Sean Wilson stated that the city didn't make a path to the frog. Councilman Farnham stated we do not own that land. Sean Wilson stated that he has called MODOT every day trying to get issues addressed along Route 66 as there are safety issues; it is up to us to continue to beautify the city as we can't rely on MODOT to do it all. John Doyle stated MODOT cuts twice a year and it is not conducive to city needs so on isolated events we try to make those improvements.

Jon Atwater stated he lives at 21624 Rudolph Road; has drainage issues and understands that there has been drainage issues since the road was paved; he would like to know how long has pavement been down and who is responsible for the culverts. Councilman Farnham stated it has possibly been 20 years since it has been paved. Anthony Fernsler stated he lives at 21605 Rudolph Road and ever since it was paved there has been no proper drainage. Mr. Doyle discussed doing some drainage to certain areas and cleaning the culverts. Jon Atwater stated he doesn't mind digging himself, just wants to know what he can do. Anthony Fernsler requested a load of gravel as the drainage issue is starting to undercut where his driveway is and everyone uses his driveway for a turnaround. Jon Atwater stated if anything can be done he would appreciate it.

Mayor Sean Wilson stated he had a citizen request that the area where Rockhill Road and Lyle Curtis meet needs to be filled in again.

2. **Approval of Minutes- September 5, 2023-** Councilman Conley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Councilman Koren seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Purchase of Salt-** Salt has been purchased for the winter and moving forward with getting transported here.
4. **Swedeborg Road-** Mr. Doyle provided an update on clearing the right of way along Swedeborg to Historic 66 and possibly contracting it out.
5. **Street Department Updates-** The Street Department has a full crew now. They have been busy hauling rock to Willard and getting Teton Pass done for the curb on Cox's Phase 2, tree trimming, sign maintenance in the city, and trying to get caught up on patching streets.
6. **Other Business-** Councilman Conley stated that there are potholes that need to be filled at the intersections of Ballew Lane and Summit Avenue and Ellis Avenue and Summit Avenue. Mayor Sean Wilson discussed a proposed new agenda for City Council in order to minimize double talk and instead of reading minutes there will be discussion. The City Administrator will give report on committee meetings and then council can have discussion. Committee agrees with new structure of agenda.

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Koren made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Conley seconded the motion. The motion passed and the committee entered into closed session at 4:52 p.m.

The committee returned to open session at 6:18 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is October 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.