

ROADS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 1, 2021 4:00pm

In Attendance:

Members: Chairman Mike France, Councilman Bill Farnham, Councilman Ed Conley

City Staff: John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Amber Box, Michele Brown

Guests: Darrell Maurino

1. **Call to Order & Citizen Comments** – Chairman France called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. No citizen comments.
2. **Approval of Minutes**- Councilman Conley made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2021. Councilman Farnham seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Parking- Police Parking at Courthouse, Parking around square, Ordinance No. 719**- Mr. Doyle stated that the goal is to create another ordinance to accommodate current parking requirements around the square. Now that the new jail is being utilized, the amount of parking spaces for the Sheriff's Department at the Courthouse will be reduced to four spaces. The number of handicap spaces around the square will remain the same however location of some of these spaces will change and the current spaces will be turned into regular parking. Councilman Farnham made a motion to create a new ordinance and update parking around the square. Councilman Conley seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **Lynn Street- Two Way Traffic/No parking, stop signs at intersection of School St/Lynn St**- Committee discussed Lynn Street and all agreed on leaving Lynn Street a one way and keep parking the same. Committee would like a taller stop sign at the intersection of Lynn and School St and paint a wider white line indicating where to stop.
5. **Street Department Updates**- The Street Department has been busy patching pot holes, helped MODOT with sweeping roads, delivered gravel to the RV Park, helped the Electric Department by trimming brush along Rt 66, put gravel down on Superior Rd after flooding, painted City Hall parking lot and started installing speed bumps in the Park. Councilman Farnham questioned what the state statutes were on having speed bumps in the park. Chairman France would like to move forward with speed bumps in relation to Olive St however, hold off on Pine and Benton pending legal review. Councilman Conley made a motion to go ahead with all speed bumps pending legal review. Councilman Farnham seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. **Pending Projects**
 - i. **Snow Route**- Mr. Doyle discussed the process of snow removal and provided a map of the current snow route. Mr. Doyle would like for the committee to take a look at the map and bring back any suggestions. Councilman Farnham would like to look into using liquid deicer for the roads.
 - ii. **Crosswalks**- Mr. Doyle proposed 2 new crosswalks for the downtown square area at the corner of North Benton and North Street and at the corner of North Lynn and North St.
7. **Other Business**- Councilman Farnham stated that a citizen called him and would like the bridge at Glenda Drive to be accessible for walking and biking across. Chairman France would like Mr. Doyle to inspect the bridge and see what can be done. Councilman Farnham discussed the Ichord Property near well #2. The property would be a great addition for the City. Councilman Farnham would like Mr. Doyle to look into placing light poles around RV park at soccer field area.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.
The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 6, 2021 at 4:00pm