

Minutes for Streets & Sewers

June 7, 2021

Members present: Thomas, Feliciano

Members absent: Daniels

With a quorum present, Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Item 1. tempORD2021-45: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 2021 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT 21-1R, IN THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO (Bischoff)

Feliciano made a motion to recommend to council; Thomas 2nd; Roll call: Ayes: Thomas, Feliciano; Nays – none

Legislation recommended to council (2-0)

Item 2. tempORD2021-49: ORDINANCE TO VACATE PART OF ONE (1) 14' WIDE EAST/WEST ALLEY LOCATED LOT 2198 AND LOT 2199 IN T.A. THOMPSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MARION, OHIO MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A PURSUANT TO ORC 723.041 RETAINING PERMANENT EASEMENT RIGHTS (Applicant, Diane Willis)

Feliciano made a motion to recommend to council; Thomas 2nd; Roll call: Ayes: Thomas, Feliciano; Nays – none

Legislation recommended to council (2-0)

Other Business:

Items not on the agenda:

Lowell Sherer (134 Chicago Avenue) spoke about blight and the conditions of sidewalks near where he lives. Mayor explained that the city has sent notices to the property owners about the condition of the sidewalks. There are two vacant houses across the street. One of them is deceased. No property taxes are being collected. He will ask at the next county land bank meeting when they are going to start tearing down houses. They have not torn down any houses in 2021.

In response to Feliciano, Schertzer said that CDBG money could not be used because the structures do not qualify as fire-damaged homes. Also, that money is not available until next year. Warr-Cummings explained that the land bank may be able to look at an expedited foreclosure.

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Mr. Cooperrider (904 Maynard) commented about high grass throughout the city. He does not believe that it is being addressed.

Aaron Rollins (850 Vernon Heights Blvd) said that it is time to act on implementing a vacant property registry.

Mrs. Tara Dyer (485 N. Grand Avenue) brought up concerns about how fast people are driving down her alley. It was suggested that she talk with Safety Director Caryer.

Sulu Kelly (365 E. Farming) asked if anything came of the receivership program. Schertzer said that they identified two homes, cases were prepared, but they were dismissed by the Common Pleas Court. He commended city for the high grass sign in the lot for the railroad.

Mr. Feliciano asked if any of the money designated within CDBG for sidewalks on E. Fairground could be diverted to this project? Warr-Cummings said they cannot.

Charlie Blevins (220 Blaine Avenue) discussed his concern about flooding in the city and back flow issues. He had installed some updates to keep it from happening to him. It worked for a long time, but now he is within 3" of overflowing. He meets with Bischoff tomorrow. He wants the city to install check valves at every residence. He states that he helped put together a resolution for council several years ago. He thought it was going to go before council. Nothing has happened.

With no further business to come before this committee, Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Chairman Thomas

Clerk of Council