

JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2010
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Liechty at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Liechty, Council Members Parisien, Kourajian, Nygaard and Schulz, and City Administrator Fuchs.

Council Member Parisien moved an Amended Resolution to authorize the issuance and sale of \$2,900,526 in Water Treatment Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, and the issuance and sale of \$299,474 in Water Treatment Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B, for improvements to the Water Treatment Plant Facility. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Mayor Liechty requested discussion relative to the proposed East Business Loop Reconstruction Project SU-2-987(029) 033.

Council Member Schulz suggested the City Council call a recess to call the property owners in the East Business Loop area to notify them that representatives from the NDDOT, Federal Highway Administration, and Ulteig Engineers were in attendance at the meeting. He indicated that he did not want the property owners to suspect that the City Council was not providing them the opportunity to participate.

The City Administrator informed the council members that, at the time telephone calls were made to all property owners notifying them of the meeting date, time and agenda topic regarding the East Business Loop Project, confirmation of who would be in attendance at the meeting had not been confirmed.

Kevin Michel, representing the Federal Highway Administration, in response to questions regarding the requirement for construction of a sidewalk on the proposed project, responded that the Federal Highway Administration position was that sidewalk construction is required on the project, preferably on the north side of the frontage road; however, the final determination of the sidewalk location was a local decision.

Steve Windish, representing Ulteig Engineering, stated that it was his firm's understanding based on early comments from Alpha Opportunities that they had upwards of 100 clients with pedestrian movements on a daily basis and based on pedestrian safety that was the determining factor for the proposed sidewalk placement on the north side of the frontage road. In a letter received from Alpha Opportunities more recently, they indicate that they have no pedestrian clients; therefore, in his opinion, an alternate location would be acceptable.

Jim Schumacher appeared and indicated to the Council that a number of property owners were concerned about losing part of the use of their property because of the proposed sidewalk construction if it were placed on the north side of the frontage road and placement of the sidewalk on the south side would ease those concerns.

Casey Stoudt appeared and indicated to the Council that construction of a sidewalk would be a sidewalk to nowhere; but if it was required, it should be placed on the south side of the frontage road.

Council Member Nygaard moved a Resolution to approve the construction and placement of the sidewalk on the south side of the frontage road adjacent to the parking lane with the City to pay 100% of the local cost share. Seconded by Council Member Schulz. Roll Call No. 2 showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Carried.

Council Member Parisien moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:

JEFF FUCHS, City Administrator

APPROVED:

CLARICE LIECHTY, Mayor