

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 26, 2018

6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Members Present

Kelly Tetrick

Samuel McVay

Brad Long

David Stewart

Kyle McLaren

Staff Present

Jay Shivers

Scott Rickard

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McLaren moved to approve the January 25th, 2018, Planning Commission minutes, seconded by Commissioner McVay. The Planning Commission voted to unanimously (5-0) approve the minutes.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Jay Shivers reviewed the criteria for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and said that the City is moving to a more detailed process for reviewing CIP projects. Scott Rickard said in the past the CIP has included a number of projects that were both “needs” and “wants” and that this year the CIP is a more condensed list of “needs.” He said all projects on the list rely on additional approval and funding. Mr. Rickard presented a summary of each project.

Chairman Long asked how long the 9th Street paving project would take. Mr. Rickard said the start year, 2019, is when they start talking to the City Commission, then go through design process, and in this case deal with the railroad. There is no set length, especially when trying to coordinate rail improvements. Chairman Long said it looked like there were some rails that could be removed. Mr. Rickard said the railroad wants to keep them all. He said the railroads are valuable to the community but typically have other priorities. Chairman Long said there may be a new pool in the park in the future so that road will get more use. Mr. Rickard said if the railroad isn’t interested, we may pave up to both sides of the railroad right-of-way.

Chairman Long asked how long the traffic signal upgrade would take. Mr. Rickard said it would be a quick project that comes out of the Public Works budget.

Chairman Long asked about the intersection of Douglas and Towanda. Mr. Rickard said Douglas Avenue is getting traction and we may soon ask to initiate the project. He said the concrete is broken at the intersection but it still functional.

Commissioner McLaren asked about the sealcoat project and if the airport gets a lot of traffic. Mr. Rickard said the airport does get business and is generally financially self-reliant through rentals and fuel sales.

Chairman Long asked about the disc golf course. Mr. Rickard said he hasn't been too involved but said they're looking at a realignment to make it flow a little better. Commissioner McVay said there were some changes on what property they could use and that it wasn't beginner friendly. He said it's a great course and a few changes will make it more welcoming to people new to disc golf. Mr. Rickard said a map will be installed on the course soon.

Commissioner McVay moved to deem the 2019 CIP projects in conformance with 2030 Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Commissioner Tetrick. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. STAFF ITEMS

Mr. Shivers informed the Commission that Commissioner Bullock resigned his position since the last meeting and his seat is now open.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.