

City Council Improvement Hearing for Streets
January 23, 2017
6:30 PM
Medford Public Schools

Members present: Nelson, Sexton, Maas, Merritt, and Dempsey.

Members absent: None.

City staff and consultants in attendance were: Andy Welti, Elizabeth Jackson, Jed Petersen, Joe Duncan, and Mark Rahrlick.

Others attending were: Jim Drache, Butch Schultz, Ashley Stewart, Don Schultz, Steve & Rosy Schmitz, John Anhorn, Rich Hager, Cory Luettel, Brian Paulson, Brian Schull, Andrew Miller, Ernest Reinhard, Edna Ringhofer, and Rich Quiring.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

City Engineer's Overview of the Feasibility Study – Joe Duncan.

Joe Duncan led the discussion using a power point presentation. The purpose of tonight's public hearing is to hear questions and comments in regards to the 2017 Street Improvement Project Feasibility Study and the calculation of the proposed assessments to the benefitted properties.

In order for the City to use assessments as an avenue to fund this project, two hearings are required, The Improvement Hearing and the Assessment Hearing.

Duncan went through the estimated cost of the project and the calculations used for the assessments.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing for questions and comments at 6:47 p.m.

Brian Paulson, lives at 209 4th Ave SW, didn't feel his street needed to be repaired. Paulson also asked if the assessment could be more than the value of the improvement. Paulson does not feel his property value would increase as much as the proposed assessment.

John Anhorn, lives at 427 S Main St, didn't feel his street needed to be repaired.

Don Schultz, lives at 118 5th Ave SE, asked if the large tree on the corner is causing problems with the street and if so, will the tree be taken care of. Mayor Nelson stated the City and Duncan are aware of the tree and would further research the issue.

Andrew Miller, lives at 425 S Main St, said he thought his street was fine.

James Drache, lives at 310 3rd Ave SW, asked if curb and gutter would be installed. Also, asked when the last time the street had been repaired. Drache also wanted to know if the project could be changed, streets added or removed. Duncan stated that the project scope could be changed but there are processes to go through.

Ernest Reinhard, lives at 206 3rd Ave SW, asked why the assessments were different on the same sized lots. Duncan explained that some corner lots have both streets being repaired while others only have one street being repaired.

Brian Schull, lives at 202 3rd Ave SW, asked who decides if the project goes forward. Mayor Nelson stated the City Council decides.

After all residents who chose to speak were heard, Mayor Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Resolution 2017-06 Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans – motion by Nelson, seconded by Sexton to approve Resolution 2017-06 Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans. Maas voted nay, Dempsey voted nay, Merritt voted aye, Sexton voted aye, Nelson voted aye. Motion needed 4/5 approval to pass. Motion did not pass.

Motion by Merritt, seconded by Sexton to adjourn the public hearing at 7:35p.m.

Minutes approved at _____ meeting.

Submitted by _____ clerk.

Signed by _____ Mayor.