

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS  
3<sup>RD</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENT  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

February 22, 2006

Mayor Sandbo called the public hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Mark Sandbo, Edward Bolstad, Tim Kennedy and Bob Spry

Members absent: Kay Costello

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison, and Kim Dunsmoor

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the improvement to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue W and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue W.

Harold Langowski, RLK Kuusisto – City Engineer, displayed and discussed the proposed improvement. The existing curb on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West is designed for a 40-foot street, the existing gravel street is 16 feet wide, and the proposed improvement is for 30-foot street with curb, gutter and storm sewer. Storm sewer will be connected to the existing storm sewer on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. A retaining wall will be necessary on the south side of the Peterson property. The retaining wall is designed to allow for a 5-foot sidewalk and is 5 to 10 feet within the city right of way. In addition, Peterson's driveway will need to be relocated to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue West because the current driveway is in the radius of the intersection. The estimated cost of the project is \$67,600.

Matt Hueltner stated that the current roadway is too narrow. He has met a truck on the road and went in the ditch. In addition, his neighbor, Doug Rude, has expressed the dangerousness of the road width as he responds to emergencies from home.

Hal Greenwood stated that the road should be improved for safety and to finish the current improvements to the neighborhood.

*Mike Roth stated that the city has already received petitions to extend Third Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and up to County Road 7 and property owners would like to develop their property.*

Gwen Lenz asked why the road needs to be improved now and is concerned about increased traffic as a result of road improvements.

Jan Smith asked whether there would be any blasting that would upset the underground streams. During the previous blasting, a sinkhole in the driveway formed. The city engineer will look at the issue this spring. In addition, she asked about the proposed assessment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street property owners.

*Mike Roth stated that the based upon the engineer's estimate of \$67,600 and the city's assessment policy that assesses 65% of the cost the owners would create approximately \$100/foot assessment. The basis of an assessment is that the assessment creates equal improvement and the property owners can protest at the assessment hearing. Specific assessments will be determined at a later date.*

*Janet Shold asked when the proposed assessment hearing would be. The property owners will be notified of the meeting, which should be held later in 2006 for property tax payable in 2007. We anticipate adding this project to the current project using the same contractor with the same prices.*

*Gwen Lenz asked who requested the improvement. The city council asked for the improvement.*

The public hearing adjourned at 5:25 p.m.