

City of Alcester
Public Hearing Minutes
September 24th, 2024

Council Vice President Hatle called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Council members present: Kendra Hatle

Others Present: Finance Officer David Hodgson, Tanya Miller – Banner Associates, Harley Ferguson – SECOG

Tanya Miller introduced the background of the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements project and with that the need for water main improvements to old cast iron lines on the West side of the city. She explained that initially the City had applied for a \$3.7 million dollar project for replacing the old sanitary sewer lines in an open cut method and then replacing the street. The state deemed the project too large and suggested rescoping to a \$1.53 million dollar project. Banner rescoped the project to a cured in place pipe method (CIPP). This project was approved by the state in March of 2024 with a mix of grant and loan funding. Upon completing a Water Facility Distribution plan is that water main lines in the project area are also in need of replacement. Banner has rescoped this project to include sewer and water line replacement along Ofstad Street in an open cut method and cured in place pipe lining in the alleyways between Ofstad and Union as well as between Union and Broad streets. Next Tanya explained the rescoped costs with a total of \$4,010,000 and the City's eligibility to apply for CDBG grant funding for the expanded project. Harley Ferguson next walked through the funding application and procedures with timeline.

At this time, it was opened up to the public for questions or comments. K Hatle asked about if areas in the sewer lines were found to have bigger breaks and if that could still be CIPP lined. Tanya explained the ability to point repair sections as needed for those cases. Finance Officer Hodgson asked when doing the cleaning and televising of the sewer lines where blockages were found at or near city and resident junctions what can be done. Tanya explained that the city owns the sewer main line and the service line up to the right of way at each resident and a second contractor will be coming in after the main lines are cleaned and service the secondary city lines up to the right of way. K Hatle asked about with the proposed project what portion of street replacement would be covered. Tanya explained that with funding from two utilities (sewer and water) that half the road replacement would be covered by each service allowing for full replacement of the street.

No other public comments or input were provided. Public hearing was adjourned at 6:42p.m.

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Darla Reppe, Council President

ATTEST:

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David Hodgson, Finance Officer