

CITY OF CASSELTON
Monday, July 16, 2012
FINANCE & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Edward McConnell, Councilmen Fred Wangler, Mike Eberhardt, Lee Anderson and Joan Carvell. Also present: City Engineer Brandon Oye, City Engineer Kyle Meyer, Public Works Supervisor Kevin Mayer and Harold Rotunda, CPA.

Subject of the meeting was street repairs. Mayer presented a quote from Hubert Oye & Sons Asphalt Paving to edge mill and resurface in 4 areas and to cut and replace asphalt in 3 areas. He also received a quote from Kaufman Construction and Key Contracting to patch the area on Front Street and 12th Avenue N with concrete rather than asphalt since it is a truck route and receives heavier traffic. Oye stated that when considering the cost/benefit of asphalt vs. concrete, one must consider the maintenance of asphalt, i.e. seal coating, chip sealing, mill and resurfacing and the cost of removal at the end of its life. Asphalt should be chip sealed every 5-7 years and would be done 2-3 times before each overlay. Concrete is more economical for the thicker sections of road required for heavy duty traffic and can last 30 years.

It was pointed out that projects need to be big enough to attract the larger contractors that can give better bids and when considering the bonds for financing, it reduces the cost by not having to pay the bond fees multiple times for many smaller projects. Rotunda stated that revenue is received from taxes/assessments, utility bills and sales tax. Revenues should be designated to pay for specific costs such as to build reserves and special assessments can only be charged for completed projects.

The best rates are on special assessment bonds rather than revenue bonds; therefore, bonds should be set up as special assessment bonds but can internally be paid for with other revenue sources. Up to 100% of each year's assessment can be abated if it can be proven that the bond payments have been made.

The mayor feels that the priority should be sanitary sewer followed by street repairs prior to getting a new water tower.

The public works committee voted to recommend repairing the streets in the areas as presented at an estimated cost of \$52,000 at the next council meeting.

Sink holes around town are being repaired with cold patch. Moore Engineering will get a proposal from Key Contracting for rehabbing manholes on Langer during phase 1 of the Sanitary Sewer #24 project this year.

Mayer showed what ND DOT is planning for the crossover on Highway 18 and County Road 10. If they cut the dike prior to putting in the new road, the city would have to opt out of the flood protection program which would mean FEMA would not help if flooding occurred during the replacement. The better option for the city is to request DOT to work with the Corp of Engineers to put up a new dike prior to putting in the new road or removing the current dike.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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