

**CITY OF CENTRAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 23, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the City Council for the City of Central was called to order by Mayor Engels at 5:00 p.m., in City Hall on September 23, 2013.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Engels
Alderman Voorhies
Alderman Gaines

Absent: Alderman Heider
Alderman Spain

Staff Present: Manager Lanning
City Clerk Bechtel
Utilities Superintendent Griffith

ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council Member disclosed a conflict regarding any item on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Lawrence Street Project

Manager Lanning explained that the proposed project costs to widen Gregory Street for two-way traffic have come in at \$60,000 from the contractor. The engineer's estimate was from \$36,000 to \$40,000. The current project has \$21,000 for traffic control. So we can subtract \$15,000 (out of the current traffic control) from the \$60,000 which leaves \$45,000 for us to fund. We asked DOLA and CDOT to assist with funding and they declined. The BHCCSD has offered to fund up to \$18,000 to widen Gregory. We can ask the casinos to contribute as well.

Currently the project is planned for traffic lights at either end and timed at 4 minute intervals. It takes 2 minutes and 15 seconds at 10 mph to drive through so a 4 minute light will create some wait time. If we use flaggers for the entire length of the project, the cost is \$115 per hour with \$120,000 total for the 45 day project. We have 10% contingency or about \$25,000 built into the project which we do not want to spend for on this additional cost for widening as it may be needed for the water line construction.

The widening of Gregory will require about 100 barricades along the gulch. Public Works can pull these from the parkway and storage. Black Hawk has also offered to let us use some of their barriers.

Utilities Superintendent Griffith explained that this on-way traffic with lights on Gregory is only for Monday through 2 p.m. on Friday when Lawrence will reopen for traffic on the weekends. We only have these two options which are: to move forward as approved in the contract using traffic signals and some flaggers; or to widen Gregory to allow for two-way traffic. The project is not likely to get shortened if construction crews could work through the weekends and those costs have not been considered in the project.

Alderman Gaines asked if Gregory would stay that wide so it could be used at another time if needed. Manager Lanning stated that yes it could.

Mayor Engels asked what the casinos might be willing to contribute and are they willing to share some or all the additional cost. The benefit to the city for two-way traffic on Gregory is less than the cost of the expenditure.

John Zimpel, owner of Johnny Z's Casino, stated that the revenues are down for August as well as September already and so the impact to the city could be much higher than estimated. Half of the casino revenue is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the other half of revenue is Monday through Thursday. Mr. Zimpel also asked Council to consider permanent guard rails on Gregory along the gulch for safety in the long term.

Manager Lanning offered that if the casinos are willing to contribute \$10,000, we would split the difference with the sanitation district for \$17,000 each. He will contact Joe Behm with the BID and see what they may be willing to contribute.

Council consensus is for a special meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Hearing no further business, Mayor Engels adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.
The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

Reba Bechtel, City Clerk