

CITY OF NISSWA
AGENDA – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
6:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

Council – All but Ross.

Jenny, Justin, Tom, Matthew, Ron from WSB, Steve S from Crow Wing County. Nancy at Echo.

Audience: 30

1. Call to Order – FH at 6:31pm, meeting to bring the Council up to speed, also citizens. Ron will do a presentation.
 - a. CSAH 13 and CSAH 77 Intersection Improvements
 - i. Presentation from Ron Bray from WSB re: Preliminary Phase 1 Construction Plans
 - ii. Memo from Jenny Max re: CSAH 13 and CSAH 77 Intersection Improvements
 - iii. Council Discussion (Council Action-Motion)

JM gave an overview of the memo in the Council packet. Ron presentation – Steve S is project manager, I'm Ron Bray with WSB, contracted with CWC on the intersection, scheduled for summer 2019 construction.

Steve S – building shoulders on CSAH 13, yes similar to CSAH 18.

Dale Goodhue – concerns on a bike, would like to see an improvement, turn lanes, etc. and lights to improve this. Would be a wonderful improvement.

Paster Drew Bakken, LCOTC – new access would mean losing 30 parking spots, is there talk about the city purchasing the rest of the crossroads property. Future bike land use and how impact church property.

Mike Gardner, Crossroad Townhomes – concern about a new road to the north, right past our yard. What's the concern about roundabouts now?

Ron – require extensive for ROW acquisition, takes more time and money.

Lois Jensen – property manager at Crossroads, resident, and member of Church. Appreciate work that has been done to this point. Believe Council and CWC will do their due diligence, want to meet one on one to share ideas, believe you (CC) are credible, and will do the right thing.

Pastor Drew - How long will construction process take? RB – will take a look, 8-12 week project, based on experience.

FH – how will traffic be impacted? RB – construction is always a bit of a mess. Phased, will do some temporary widening with a temporary signal. One approach, two lanes ,staging. Working on better signage.

FH – any storm sewer? RB – yes, will need to work on to move it eastwards.

Peter Mann – there have been accidents with turning right into holiday or turning right onto 371. RB – will take another look at that, good point.

Mike Sedivy – impacts my property. Needs to be planned out, and happening so fast. Not sure what's even planned for 2019?

FH – this is the first get together to get the information out. Just taking the first step, and move forward. Believe the county will lead the way with meetings with property owners. Not sure what time frames we need to work within for the County process. Will be a series of meetings, and would like to see them public meetings.

Mike S – applaud you for having this meeting tonight. Whatever is going to be done this next year will impact the area for a long time. I'm just a part of it. Want the community to grow, and think there's care involved.

Gloria Thomas – secretary for Crossroads assn – changes at intersection makes a lot of sense. Main concern is new road at crossroads. Don't want crossroads to become a new frontage road. Not just a Sunday morning church, busy all times of the week. Need as much parking as possible. Appreciate having a one on one meeting.

FH – the redevelopment of the sportland property spurred the county to bring this to the city sooner. Not because there is a new bank coming. Stacking issue needs to be addressed, is an issue around the county, and getting an entrance back away from the intersection is important.

Connie Johnson-Peterson – just moved to crossroads – moved up from busy cities, like the quiet space. Chose to buy because it was off the frontage road and away from traffic. Not fond of that idea. We love the area and the church. Don't want additional traffic.

Dale Goodhue – with 2 lanes going each way, changing the left turn to be left only in one lane, and then make the straight and right in the same lane. Might give us time to plan for the future.

Don J – haven't had time to review all the plans, many versions. Questions for Steve: this is a County project, correct? What should the city do?

SS – immediate needs we have discussed, what are the future needs? Future development to accommodate traffic. DJ understand the city has skin in the game, which is realistic. How much could the city pay? SS – county has a cost share policy. City would take a 50% share in curb and gutter. SS – city won't take land acquisition along CSAH 13 corridor, but possibly the City would have share in subsequent land acquisition for extending crossroads, for example.

DJ – asked Thiede what authority the County has to make the City pay, Thiede says it's just a policy.

SS – can give a few year window to pay back the cost, don't have to repay all at once.

FH – not a lot of city \$\$ involved in phase one, correct? SS – yes.

FH – future phases would involve city \$\$, what direction the city wants to take. SS – want to get the access points in the right spot, so we can plan for the future project. One project, doing in phases, get set up in the right location to make future projects easier.

RB – fix the intersection, fix the signal, and set things up for future.

DJ – concern about bank property and new project plans. Need as much information as possible at PC to make good decisions.

RB – want to bring a solution back together, to both city and county.

FH – will Smiley road access as currently is? RB – correct.

PJ Smith – American National Bank – looking to be part of the community, still primary goal. Now the owners of this property. All of these aspects are absolutely brand new. Want to design the property for the long term. We are impressed with the teamwork to get this worked out. To the extent we can meet as a group, and there's answers in the discussion, but need to talk it out. Here in a complete spirit of cooperation, as I believe we all are.

FH – ideas that are out there, no decisions that are out there. There is a process, no predetermined answers.

FH – who would make the determination that Smiley would have to be closed? RB – could be both MN DOT and/or County. MN DOT could make some changes, but not likely to happen anytime soon. Likely MNDOT will leave as is, even if there becomes distress. Expansion might force something, but not at that point.

JR – will wait to see how things evolve with all entities.

DJ – do we have public meeting dates scheduled?

RB – will work with property owners one on one. And bring cost participation info back to the city, curb and gutter, storm sewer. Will need municipal consent at some point.

DJ – when will County commissioners approve this project? SS – has been approved within the 5 year plan, will need to approve ROW if that is needed.

RB – out to bid end of March, early April.

Jenny will keep the Council updated on meetings that take place, timeline, etc.

7:45pm. DJ, GJ.

2. Adjourn