

SPECIAL MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
June 15, 2022

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on June 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with the following present: Pam Spader, Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Shon Asleson, Cole Munger, Mayor Gary Wolkow, and FO Tracey Larson. Absent: Bret Jensen.

Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting was started with the council and those from the public reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAIN STREET PROJECT: The purpose of the special meeting is to get input and ideas from business owners and residents about the proposed Main Street project. Shane Waterman and Peter Adair, engineers for IMEG started the discussion with a brief introduction of themselves. Waterman informed the public that a Main Street project has been discussed since prior to 2012. The water lines are older in this area of town and have a history of water breaks during the winter season. The project proposal would go from store front to the store front across the street. Originally, the project would include Calumet Ave. from Highway 14 to First Street and include one block both East and West from Calumet Avenue. The project had to be scaled back to stay within the financial parameters. Some of the challenges identified are elevations, steps into businesses, ADA compliance, drainage, additions, and utilities. Also discussed was keeping public access into the businesses during the project. Items addressed for replacement in the proposed project are: sidewalks, curb & gutter, ADA corners and parking, street lights, utilities, and pavement. The City is applying for a Community Access Grant and has matching funds if the grant is awarded. Grant funding is limited to the necessities and extra features would have to be funded by other sources. Questions and concerns from the public were answered by Waterman and Adair. A copy of the plans will be left at City Hall for people to view and write questions or concerns. Mayor Wolkow reminded the public that this is the first preliminary meeting and there will be more meetings to keep people informed and also give them the time to answer questions and concerns. Waterman and Adair will be available after the meeting to answer questions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Hansen, seconded by Spader, all voting aye, motion carried.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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