

PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
RUSHMOOR BLVD AND RUSHMOOR TRAIL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
PRELIMINARY IMPROVEMENT HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021
7:00 P.M. - CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at City Hall. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, John Andrews, Aaron Herzog and Marcia Seibert-Volz. Dave Schrupp was present via Zoom. Also present were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Park Director TJ Graumann, and City Engineer Dave Reese. There were ten people in the audience and on Zoom.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was then turned over to Dave Reese, who read into the record an email from Gary Swoverland of 36421 Rushmoor Blvd regarding his concerns and objections to the project and read a statement in opposition to the project from Hank Duitsman of 36484 Rushmoor Blvd. Mr. Reese presented the scope of the project, project cost summary, timing of project, and proposed assessments. Mr. Reese stated that the surface of the road is becoming porous like a sponge, wide cracks are forming and the maintenance with patching and sealing is no longer working. The project will result in an elevated road surface for better drainage. There will be no increase to the width of the road nor change in the alignment. The estimated cost of the project is \$215,000. The recommended assessment, based on a licensed appraiser's opinion, is \$4,000 per lot. There are 39 lots to be assessed. Construction would begin sometime after Memorial Day and last approximately 4-6 weeks.

Dave Nevin asked why a second assessment hearing was scheduled when the Council has determined that \$4,000 would be the assessed amount. Dave Reese replied that State Law requires that the City hold a final assessment hearing.

Jim McLellan of 12780 Rushmoor Blvd addressed the Council and asked if only parts of the road could be reconstructed because the whole road is not in bad shape. Mr. McLellan noted that some property owners are elderly and it would be better for them to have a less expensive assessment to pay. Dave Nevin agreed with Mr. McLellan.

Charles Peitso of 12896 Rushmoor Blvd reported to the Council that he is in favor of the project and that he has been maintaining the drains on the road by removing debris and keeping them open. Mr. Peitso stated that all the stormwater drains to his property.

Dave Fischer of 36412 Rushmoor Blvd stated that he was in favor of the project and stated that there were concerns regarding the approach to County Road 16 and drainage issues. Mr. Fischer added that he has spoken to Mr. Reese about these issues and that they would be addressed during design and construction.

Roger Otterlei of 12756 Rushmoor Trail stated that he thought \$4,000 was a high assessment, especially because he owns 8 properties on the road and would receive 8 assessments.

Don Bogdanovich of 36374 Rushmoor Blvd stated that he was in favor of the project and that his concerns are regarding the approach to County Road 16 and drainage problems.

Dave Nevin suggested that a Blind Intersection Ahead sign be installed on CSAH 16.

Dave Schrupp asked Ted Strand to come to the podium and speak to the plowing of the road. Ted Strand stated that there is little blacktop left on the road and that the plow needed to be very careful to not go through the pavement. There is no room to store snow on the road and Mr. Strand thanked Mr. Peitso for blowing the snow off the road before the plow comes through.

Dave Nevin stated that he had asked for a bid to just overlay the road but that the Public Works Commission was not in favor of that. Dave Reese replied that the road is failing and that an overlay would not improve the condition of the road.

Mike Haglund of 12838 Rushmoor Blvd asked why the City waited so long to repair the road. Dave Reese replied that the City has tried to keep a road maintenance schedule by crack sealing every few years. Rushmoor Blvd is over 30 years old and the underlying base material is not known; some roads of that time were paved over topsoil. It has lasted longer than expected. The City now chip seals new roads to help extend the life of the road.

Dave Nevin suggested that the Council consider some type of relief for the owner of 8 lots and Dave Reese stated that it could be discussed at the final assessment hearing in the fall.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk

