

Mission of the City of Courtland

We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.

City Council Minutes

Public Hearing Meeting

February 1, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Al Poehler
Council Member Pam Rodewald
Council Member Justin Kraus
Council Member Ralph Bents
Council Member Paul Bode

Members Absent:

Others Present: Julie Holm Dave Ubel Mark Fiemeyer Joe Duncan Eric Hauser Karen Fluegge Bob Schabert Tim Portner Richard Krohn Jeff and Melva Griebel Bryan and Deb Clancy Steve Grossmann Jason and Jen Kuester Mark Schmid Ed Mages

The public hearing meeting for 2024 Street and Storm Water Improvements for Colling Drive was called to order by Mayor Al Poehler at 7:00 pm on February 1, 2024 in the Council chambers in City Hall.

Joe Duncan, City Engineer with Bolton and Menk leads discussion of proposed improvements for Collin Drive. Mr. Duncan explained the process as outlined by State Statute Chapter 429 as our guide for the process. A preliminary assessment roll was provided with numbers derived based on preliminary report provided to council in past meeting where it was decided to call for this hearing. After the conclusion of this hearing, council may elect to pass a resolution calling for Plans and Specifications to be prepared and those will be considered at the next meeting in March. Council will then need to approve those plans and call for advertising of bids.

Mr. Hauser explained the five-tier approach for how the percentage of costs should be assessed to properties. The tiers would be figured for size of property and whether adjacent or non-adjacent to Collin Drive. Additional plans are included for properties to have water and sewer connections made now to avoid disturbing completed road in future. These are 100 percent assessed to properties affected.

The plan would be to start construction in May with substantial completion by August. In October the Assessment Hearing would called and final completion would be June 2025 for the final layer of bituminous.

Resident Bryan Clancy questioned why when he purchased his property he was told the road was to be completed by another developer and should not be charged to property. Mr. Clancy expresses the developer of his property should give some money back. Mayor Poehler response is the agreement on the road was between city and developer and if the developer defaults, the city may assess properties for completion as per development agreement.

Resident Steve Grossmann questioned whether he needed to get water and sewer services if he has no intention of utilizing them. Mr. Duncan explained there could be a 10 year waiting period for water and sewer to properties if not installed during the project.

Jason Kuester, previous project developer, commented about the money that he has put into his development and what he has done for the city to make Collin Drive a public street. Mayor Poehler responded that all developers turn roads back to the city at their expense.

Additional comments regarding availability to see project plans to determine road height in relation to their lot. Plans will become public at next meeting after presentation.


Mayor Poehler concluded meeting with need to find what actual numbers are going to be by getting bids and maybe the numbers will be lower than preliminary estimates. Councilmember Rodewald commented the numbers probably won't go down.

Rodewald made a motion to adjourn. Bode seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm

A signed written copy of the minutes is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,


Julie Holm, City Clerk

Al Poehler, Mayor