

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Work Session was duly held in the City Council chambers at 3:30 p.m. on the 29th day of September 2020. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members, Tom Gard, and Dan Rechtzigel.

Absent: Richard Nielsen and John Mortensen.

Also, present: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, KMU Superintendent Randy Eggert, Engineer Joe Rhein, Engineer Derek Olinger, Engineer Tessa Pleschourt

Mayor Henke called the work session to order at 3:30 pm. The purpose of the work session was to review the Infrastructure Management Plan.

Review Infrastructure Management Plan

Engineer Olinger stated that the City Council authorized Bolton & Menk to complete an infrastructure study that could be used for future street and utility improvement budgeting and planning. The study summarized the overall conditions of pavements and utilities within the City of Kenyon. The overall goal of this plan was to provide a city-wide decision-making tool, using the infrastructure study, for prioritizing capital improvement planning for the next five to ten years.

The study updated the pavement management plan and utility management information for the City. Every street in town was assigned a pavement conditional rating from an excellent rating of 10 down to a very poor rating of 1. When prioritizing pavement projects, Olinger emphasized the importance of considering the streets in good condition first and getting these streets on a regularly scheduled maintenance program. The water distribution and sanitary sewer pipe networks were reviewed throughout the City also. A high priority will be replacing the cast iron water mains with PVC or ductile iron pipes to eliminate the frequent corrosion and water main break issues. The sanitary sewer has problems with existing clay piping that allows ground water to seep into pipes. The goal would be to replace these pipes with new PVC pipes or have liners installed in the current pipes. Olinger's suggestion was for the City to consider starting a regular televising and cleaning program for the sanitary sewer. This would allow the City to prioritize sanitary sewer replacement in the future. He also recommended budgeting for Inflow and Infiltration reduction measures each year, including smoke testing and sump pump inspections. Capital improvements to consider would be replacing clay sanitary sewer pipes and upgrades to the WWTP. Mayor Henke felt that the Pearl Creek clay line were a significant issue and he would like to address this line soon.

In conclusion, Olinger stated the Engineering recommendations to the City. The City should consider implementing an on-going seat coat and crack fill program for street with a rating of 7 or better, implementing an on-going bituminous overlay and patching program for streets with a rating of 5 or 6, continuing to schedule regularly scheduled street and utility projects, and budgeting and implementing a sanitary sewer cleaning and televising program. He recommended that this report be updated at least every five years. The intension of this report was to give the City information needed to make and prioritize future decisions.

Motion by Gard second by Rechtzigel to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

Douglas Henke, Mayor