

City of Colville

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 15, 2016

8:30 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Technical Review Committee met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in the Council Room, at City Hall. Chairman RJ Keetch called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: City Planner RJ Keetch, Street/Park Superintendent Terry LeCaire, Municipal Services Administrator Eric Durpos, Building Official/Inspector Dave Harper, and Councilmember Nancy Foll. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 1, 2016, had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Eric Durpos moved and Terry LeCaire seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to be presented.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to Encroach Upon Public Right-of-Way by Peter Quinn at 547 N. Main Street.

An application by Peter Quinn, 547 N. Main Street, to encroach upon the Main Street and 6th Avenue rights-of-way with a fence had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). Dave Harper reviewed the proposal to construct a 4 ft. high fence on the back side of the sidewalk along Main Street and rebuild the existing fence along 6th Avenue. He advised that he and Terry LeCaire visited the site and spoke with the applicant about the site visibility triangle and the fence height regulations. No other issues were identified.

Eric Durpos moved and Dave Harper seconded the motion to approve the encroachment request subject to compliance with the site visibility triangle and a Hold Harmless Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There were no public comments.

REPORTS

RJ Keetch reported on a preliminary proposal by Rod Fogle to purchase the McMillan property on the N. Highway between Terry's Dairy and Lawson Trucking for the purpose of building a new Fogle Pump & Supply store. A wetland area has been identified on the site and a wetland mitigation plan was submitted for review and approval. Resource Consultant Jim Gleaton recommends using infiltration ponds to mitigate impacts. At this time, there were no other issues identified by City staff. RJ advised that the next step in the process will be to submit a formal site plan for review and approval.

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Eric Durpos reported that there are sewer backups all over town involving private lateral lines. The backups are caused by old collapsed lines, breaks, and roots. Property owners are having difficulty finding contractors to do the needed repairs.

Councilmember Nancy Foll requested clarification regarding the report on Main Street improvements as stated on Page 2 of the March 1, 2016, TRC minutes. Eric Durpos explained that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) plans to overlay the driving path on Main Street with asphalt. There had been some discussion about downtown safety, which included WSDOT. One solution suggested was to enlarge the bulb-outs to decrease the walking distance across the street and calm traffic. The City even applied for funding in the past to extend the bulb-outs but the application did not rank well because we didn't have collision and safety data to support it. As a result of a recent ruling, WSDOT would now be required to make improvements to any ADA ramps they come in contact with that do not comply with current standards. WSDOT has decided not to come in contact with the ramps when they do their overlay project so they don't have to improve them. It is their position if the City wants to change things, the City will have to pay for it. Eric stated that WSDOT has indicated they are happy with the current configuration on Main Street and feel it is working well. A briefing sheet will be presented to City Council explaining what is going on. RJ Keetch added that he would like to see a planning effort done to look at downtown, determine what people want, and create a downtown plan. He noted the Colville 2000 Downtown Plan was done about 15 years ago.

Terry LeCaire reported that WSDOT has determined that safety improvements are needed at the intersection at Oak & 3rd and have cited traffic collision data to support this decision. The concern is that the stop signs are so far back they are hard to see. WSDOT plans to paint/stripe islands with stop signs in the center of the street to enhance safety. ~~There will be no right hand turns on Oak Street. Vehicles will not be able to pull up alongside the dedicated traffic lane and make a free right hand turn from Oak Street.~~ *(corrected 3/29/16)*. Terry also reported that the Street Department has made an entire sweep of city streets and he does not anticipate any compliance issues with air quality for the rest of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Eric Durpos moved and Dave Harper seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.