

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee of the City of Harlan, Iowa – June 25, 2024

The Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks Committee met on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at Noon in the Council Chambers, 711 Durant Street, Harlan, Iowa.

Present: Sharon Kroger, Kyle Lindberg, Jennifer Kelly

Absent: None

Also Present: Gene Gettys, Jeff Musich, Ashley Schleis, Roger Bissen, Jack Gubbels, \*Troy Schaben, & Jerry Henscheid

Chairperson Kroger called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Kroger to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

No conflicts of interest were stated.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Kroger to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed Jerry Henscheid's request for a curb cut and a drive entrance of 16' at 1122 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It was moved by Lindberg and seconded by Kelly to send to Council for final consideration, to allow curb cutting and a drive entrance request of 16' at 1122 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Harlan Community Schools is going down to two in town bus stops and requested the City of Harlan to paint crosswalks to assist pedestrian safety in the affected areas. There was discussion on which crosswalks to paint and concerns about what this might do to the already congested areas. It was also suggested to eliminate painted crossings at 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street on the north side of Cyclone due to safety concerns with emergency vehicles entering/exiting at the fire station and ambulance service. City Administrator Gene Gettys will reach out to the school. No action was taken.

Use of the public yard waste site for ash tree removal on private property by commercial contractors was discussed. The intent was to potentially provide some financial relief to residents if the commercial contractor could use the public site for disposal. The current policy does not allow commercial use of the public yard waste site due to limited capacity. No action was taken.

Information and updates provided on the following:

There is a resident who wants to close 12<sup>th</sup> Street for trimming trees. He has started the permit for closing a street and tree work. *(NOTE: following the meeting there was staff review and discussion specific to Multi-Purpose Permits. 'Tree Work' DOES NOT require Council approval. 'Street Closing' DOES require Council approval (i.e. block parties, downtown events, etc.). Tree work being performed by our Street department staff and private contractors on a regular basis don't require Council approval and we follow safety protocols and notifications (and in some cases we don't even receive notice). Why should this be different for a private individual? We follow and require the same notifications and protocols. In any event, we have approved this request for 'Tree Work' and will follow our regular process.*

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*These minutes are as recorded by Ashley Schleis and are subject to committee approval at the next regular meeting.*