

**ELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 22, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Jim Doyle called a workshop meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 22, 2013 in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall. Council Members present: Bob Ballantyne, Dave Rasmussen, Bill Grove, Kay Hale and Dale Stanek. Also present: Hunter Schrock, Angel Payne, Todd Happel, Randy Burke, City Engineer Scott Pottorff, and City Administrator/Clerk Aaron Anderson.

The City Council met in special session, pursuant to notice as required by State Code, to conduct workshop sessions regarding the preferred alignment to extend Hoover Nature Trail south from Rowley/State Streets, and the State Street Improvements Project, as set out in the posted agenda.

Stanek moved to approve the agenda, second by Hale; motion carried – 5 to 0.

Workshop Session re: Preferred Alignment of Hoover Nature Trail Extension South from Rowley/State Street. Todd Happel, consulting engineer for Linn County Conservation, discussed the options identified to extend the Hoover Nature Trail from the Ely Community Center south to the Linn-Johnson County Line with Mayor Doyle and the City Council. Items discussed include, but are not limited to: that the proposed route along State Street could have a neutral to beneficial impact on drainage at State Street and Rock Island; additional concerns from residents Terry Smith and Don Musil regarding traffic safety at the intersection of Rock Island Dr. and State Street; installing a drainage retention area in the area of the intersection of State Street and Rock Island Drive to alleviate storm water problems in that area; coordinating this project with the State Street Improvements project; and that the owner of property needed for alternate #6 is entirely unwilling to sell for a trail to split their property.

Ballantyne moved to state Ely concurs with Linn County Conservation and Anderson-Bogert in recommending “Alternate #1” which would extend the Hoover Nature Trail along the east side of State Street as the preferred alignment for said extension; second by Hale. Council discussed further motion, noting that the agenda is unclear on whether action would be taken on this matter. Hale rescinded her second after discussion; motion died for a lack of second. Clerk/Administrator was directed to include this matter on the agenda for the regular meeting of May 13, 2013.

Workshop Session re: State Street Improvements Project. Mayor Doyle and the City Council discussed the State Street Corridor Study prepared by City Engineer Scott Pottorff with Mr. Pottorff. The consensus outcome of the discussion regarding the State Street Improvements Project is as follows:

Project Limits

- Urban Street Section - South side of intersection with Merry Hill Lane to south side of intersection with Rock Island Drive. All as shown in the State Street Improvements Paving Plan dated 03-11-2013.

- Rural Section Upgrade – Rock Island to south limit in conjunction with Linn County or Johnson County projects. This segment is not included in the concept of the “State Street Improvements” project.
- Surface Maintenance/Resurface – Merry Hill Lane to north city limit. This segment is not included in the concept of the “State Street Improvements” project.

Sidewalks

- West side – Rock Island Drive to Vavra Drive.
- East side – Rock Island Drive to Northgate Drive.

Lane Configuration

- Three lanes with two through lanes and one turning lane in middle; as shown in the State Street Improvements Paving Plan dated 03-11-2013.

Hoover Trail/Bicycle Traffic

- Grade separated bike/recreational trail from Rowley Street south through city limits on west side of street. Hoover Trail will eventually extend through Ely to the Linn/Johnson County Line at Seven Sisters Road. Ely will coordinate design and construction considerations with Linn County Conservation and Anderson-Bogert Engineers.
- Accommodate bicycle traffic from Rowley Street north if possible via signage and other methods without additional structural components, setting aside lane or special striping.

Drainage Considerations Outside Project Limits

- Storm water management and drainage facilities should be designed to serve “old” area of Ely from State to Main Street in the project area; both elevation and conveyance capacity. This is generally consistent with the concept presented in the State Street Improvements Paving Plan dated 03-11-2013.

Street Lights/Decorative Street Lights

- Higher end product available through standard agreement with Alliant Energy throughout project limits. Project does not include replacing existing lights with Dows Streetscape level or style of decorative lights for any location.

Crossings/Decorative Crossings

- Colored concrete crosswalk at Dows Street to match and “finish out” the Dows Streetscape area and design.
- Safety painted/striped crosswalk at Vavra Drive.

Electric Utility – Overhead

- Relocate and bury is preferred. However City does not plan to acquire easements outside the right of way to relocate the utilities to facilitate the relocating electric lines underground.

Hale moved to adjourn, second by Grove. Motion carried – 5 to 0. Mayor Doyle declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

James E. Doyle Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Anderson, Clerk/Administrator