

The Jewell City Council met in Special Session Monday, October 16, 2023 at the Jewell City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Leo Reiter called the meeting to order with Council Members: Winborn, Roethler, Boor, Gunderson and Lorenzen present. City Attorney Justin Deppe was also in attendance.

APPROVE OCTOBER 16, 2023, AGENDA: Winborn made a motion to approve the October 16 special agenda. Gunderson seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION: This was a time for owners and community members to ask questions regarding the Main Street Project. Gabe Nelson from Snyder and Associates was present to assist in answering questions. There was great discussion and many questions. A few of the hot topic questions:

- **What am I being assessed?** The owner is paying 80% of the concrete on their property and 100% of the water service line if it is lead. If it is not lead, the \$2,500 replacement charge will come off of their assessment.
- **When are owners required to pay their portion by?** Once the project is complete, the owner will have 30 days to pay full amount without interest. The Council will make a determination of the interest, which they could decide to waive, and the amount of annual installments owners have to pay back the assessment. It could range from five to fifteen annual payments which would be due the same time as property tax payments.
- **Why was the concrete not being replaced all the way to 175?** This corner was done in a previous project. However, for the sake a uniformed front it was decided to replace the entire amount to the corner.
- **Why did you decide to go with colored concrete and scoring of the cement when our Main Street is also a highway and salt and plowing could make the concrete age poorly?** The Mayor and Council not only value Main Street and the City of Jewell, but desire to take pride in making these improvements. The decorative sidewalk was going to be used minimally, near the light poles. However, some good points were brought up and the Council is taking this under advisement and voting on removing the decorative concrete features Monday the 23rd during the regular council session.
- **How is the sidewalk going to end near the Jewell Fire Station?** This will be addressed at the next council meeting.

There will be a public hearing and more discussion of the Main Street Project at the Regular Council meeting October 23rd. Please come and hear more about the project, or reach out to City Hall with any questions you may have.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE SIDEWALKS THAT ARE PART OF THE ASSESSMENT THAT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REPLACE: The Jewell Council and Mayor considered the businesses on Main Street that have recently replaced their sidewalks. There are three businesses that have cement that is roughly six years old. They had discussion on whether they should be assessed the same as the other businesses, or whether they should have special consideration. Gunderson made a motion to assess the businesses evenly to make it equitable to all owners. All Main Street business owners are being assessed 80% of the cement on their property. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Winborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lorenzen seconded the motion. Roll Call 5—0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Regina Beaune, City Clerk

Leo Reiter, Mayor