

Streets Committee
April 22, 2026
4:30 PM

Present: Kent White, Steve Engberg, Bob Griffith, Mayor Steve Brimhall, Drew Schumacher, Shelbi Swinscoe, Jim Warner, Several Residents of the Neighborhood of Harvest Drive & S Walnut Extension and Several Residents from the Winfield Ave Area.

Absent:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Review Request by Wesley O'Connor – Fence on S. Jefferson

The Committee reviewed a request from Wesley O'Connor regarding the installation of a fence or guardrail along South Jefferson Street. Mr. O'Connor presented photographs and measurements demonstrating the depth of the ditch surrounding the culvert. He expressed safety concerns related to the potential for pedestrians to fall into the culvert and for vehicles to leave the roadway and overturn.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to table the item to allow members the opportunity to visit and further assess the area of concern.

Review Request by Neighbors from Harvest Drive & S. Walnut Street

The Committee reviewed a request from residents in the Harvest Drive and South Walnut Street area regarding dust control. Mitch Yaley spoke on behalf of the neighborhood, noting that recent traffic control measures, including the addition of a four-way stop and a reduced speed limit, have improved safety at the intersection. However, residents continue to experience issues with dust.

The neighborhood is requesting approximately 425 feet of dust control and indicated a willingness to share in the cost. The Committee discussed that the City does not currently have an established dust control program for gravel roads. No formal action was taken on the request.

Review Request from Optimist Club to Expand U.S. Flag Display

The Committee reviewed a request from the Optimist Club to expand the U.S. flag display west along Washington Street, beginning at Jennings Tire and continuing to

the Goodyear Road/Hickory Avenue intersection. The proposed plan includes placing flags approximately 60 feet apart and eight feet back from the curb. Following discussion, the Committee approved the request. Staff will work with the Optimist Club to update the existing agreement between the organization and the City.

Engineer Updates

Winfield Avenue Project

Jim Warner provided an update on the Winfield Avenue project. He reported that utility work is nearing completion and that the project bid came in under the original estimate. Kinney & Sons has been awarded as a subcontractor for grading and concrete removal. Mr. Warner also explained that Winfield Avenue was ranked high for replacement due to its classification as a minor arterial roadway by the Iowa Department of Transportation, which made the project eligible for grant funding.

Sidewalk Project (Winfield Avenue to Harlan School)

Jim Warner also provided an update on the sidewalk project from Winfield Avenue to Harlan School, which is being coordinated in conjunction with the Winfield Avenue project. The Committee directed Warner Engineering to proceed with obtaining quotes for the project.

Walnut Street Bridge

Warner updated the Committee that the City's portion of the project would be \$279,000 based on the estimate. The project received a grant for \$496,000.

Cherry Street / Wilson Street Project

Jim Warner informed the Committee that the City recently solicited bids for the sewer portion of the project; however, both bids received exceeded the threshold required to proceed without publicizing the bid letting. The City will rebid the project later in the year.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of adding sidewalks to the Cherry Street/Wilson Street project. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

Goodyear Road, W. Washington, and 235th Street Improvement Project

Jim reported that the City has applied for a Highway Safety Grant, RISE grant, and STBG funds for this project. Funding is still pending.

Discussion on Extending Maple Leaf Drive East of Iris Street

Warner informed the Committee of the potential need to extend Maple Leaf Drive east across Iris Street to accommodate a possible industrial operation. The proposed development could bring additional jobs and increased heavy traffic to the area. The Committee discussed options for driveway placement, noting existing traffic concerns near the Walmart Distribution Center entrance. Mr. Warner indicated that the project may be eligible for RISE grant funding and noted that the area is located within a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district.

Open Forum

Residents from the Winfield Avenue area expressed concerns regarding communication about the ongoing project in front of their homes. Specific concerns included access to driveways, mail delivery, and potential utility service interruptions during the transition to new services.

Warner explained that the City has limited control over utility companies; however, once a contractor is awarded and work begins, more consistent communication and email updates will be provided. City staff also advised residents that they may receive notifications of upcoming Street Committee meetings by providing their email addresses.

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