

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 28, 2010

A special council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 with members present: Jim Poirot, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Robert Roesler and Brad Ringnell. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff. The purpose of this special meeting was to address the local improvement policy and the sidewalk policy for the City of Sherburn. City Engineer Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk was present to advise the council and to answer various questions regarding these policies as they relate to the N Osborne/W First Street project.

Due to ever-increasing costs of construction, repair and maintenance and liability issues, council realized the necessity of reviewing the need for sidewalks in residential districts. The present improvement policy calls for new sidewalks to be assessed at 50% to the property owner, and replacement/repair of sidewalks to be assessed 100% to the property owner. After discussion, consensus was to allow property owners to decide if they wish to have sidewalks and at their own expense.

Because assessments on previous street projects were based on a detailed improvement policy that now results in assessments that are too excessive to be realistic with property values, and State statute requirements that 20% of a project be assessed for bonding purposes, the local improvement policy will be adjusted to more accurately reflect what is allowable by current law.

City Engineer Greg Mitchell informed the council that all intersection corners on the N Osborne/W First Street project will be ADA ped ramps, easements will be secured where necessary, and one streetlight will be relocated. Construction is expected to commence in June, completed in 2011 and assessed in 2012. Councilor Behne stated that he strongly believes that the additional four blocks of N Osborne should have been included in this project, and for that reason he will vote against.

Motion to adjourn by Behne, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff