

## Dunn Center City Council Special Meeting

Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Vice President Shasta Blackford called the meeting to order. The members present were Shasta Blackford, Colton Medley, Daniel Binek. Also present were Adeling Thompson, Larry Nagel, Ruth Granfor, Donna Cook, Loman Goetz, Roger Stein, Alan Pavlicek, Candi Pavlicek, Mark Benson, Mike Papa, Sadie Papa, Carol Hicks, Harley Binek, Officer Billman, Officer Sanders, Leo Piatz, Robert Benz, and Jaylynn Hicks.

The City Attorney was unable to attend this special meeting, and she advised the council to only let a person speak for a maximum of three minutes.

Colton Medley motioned to set and approve the agenda. Daniel Binek 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes. M/c.

Ruth Granfor asked how wide sidewalks would be. Colton Medley and Daniel Binek answer that they will be roughly 5' with a boulevard. Ruth asks if the sidewalk will be right along the curb. Colton answers no that there will be a boulevard, which is a little strip of grass between the curb and the sidewalk. Ruth wants to know why, and Colton says it is mainly for the safety of kids and families. Colton says that everywhere the city has chosen to put a sidewalk, and boulevard is to try and funnel the foot traffic around town towards the park without having to be on the road.

Carol Hicks was concerned that even though the money for the current street project in Dunn Center has been granted by the county that the residents' taxes will increase in the year 2031. Colton Medley explained that there should not be any reason for that since all funds have been granted by Dunn County and the only thing that will increase for residents is their property value.

Mark Benson asks who will be paying the electricity bill for the new streetlights to be installed. Colton responds with the city is responsible for the electric bill just as the city is responsible for the streetlights that are currently throughout the city. They will be LED and a little more efficient than what is currently being used.

Leo let the council know that the lights to be installed will cost the city more money to have and that other cities do not have them. The council comments that MDU will be taking their light poles out and this will result in the city putting their own lights in. Alan Pavlicek and Loman Goetz comment that the town is too dark and that with more light around town it will minimize any criminal activity around town.

Mike Papa asks about the sidewalk in front of his property and the council responds that there will be no sidewalk in front of his property with the current project.

Donna Cook asks about the sidewalk that will be in front of the city apartment. Colton explained that it is a laydown rather than an actual sidewalk.

Leo wants the sidewalks in front of his property next to the street and the utilities to be moved over. Colton explained that the council will see what sort of plan they can come up with for that issue.

Robert Benz asked if the stakes that have been placed are the markers for where the boulevard is going to go. Colton explained for the engineers and road crew to know where the center of the road is from said stakes.

Ruth asks if there will be a curb in the way of her driveway. Daniel Binek and Colton Medley will go and look for themselves to make sure there will be a laydown to make certain she will have access to her driveway.

Adeline Thompson asks if it is possible to make her driveway wider to the south to make it easier for her to get to her garage.

Harley Binek asks if it's possible to remove the bump out curves on Main and Central intersection. Colton explains that it is not in the plans and will not be included. Harley asks if all the \$8.3 million to fund the project has already been provided and paid for. Colton explains that it is all paid for and there have been no loans.

Ruth Granfor asks who owns the trailer court and Shasta informed that Big Horn Leasing is the property owner. Shasta also explains that the city has been in the process of setting up meetings but has not been successful yet and are still planning to meet. Ruth's question pertaining to the trailer court was why the city has not planned on paving the road through the trailer court. Colton explained that the trailer court is privately owned and is the reason why the road construction stops just before entering trailer court property.

Sadie Papa asks about the trees on her property and the sewer drain that is to be placed at some location of trees. Shasta and Colton explain that the sewer drain will be placed and that trees will be replanted/reclaimed.

Shasta provides information about the new streetlights to be installed. She explained they will be 14' and they will be the same streetlights that have been installed on Main Street. Colton explains that the lights have not been ordered but, since they are pushing the whole project to be finished this year, materials are being ordered quickly.

Jaylynn Hicks what the timeline is for the sidewalks and the paving for in front of the city apartments. She is concerned about the residents' access to their garage and front entry and how long it might be inaccessible. Colton Medley explains that construction in front of the apartments should start the following week and will be one of the first sections in the city done.

Adeline Thompson asks if there will be new sewer lines installed as well. Colton explains that there will be sewer lines installed on Main Street then going east of Main Street and up north, in the southwest side of town. Adeline wants to know if her sewer line would need to be updated and needs help figuring that out. Colton says that he and a Hyalite Engineer employee will come over and help her with that. Sadie Papa says she would like help with that also.

Jaylynn Hicks requests that the council inform her before shutting off utilities for the horse pasture.

Vice President Shasta Blackford adjourned the meeting.

Next regular scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6 PM

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Auditor

Mayor

Chantel Morris

Larry Pavlenko