

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

Present: Mayor David Velegol, City Manager Jack McIntosh, City Attorney Mike Gaudio and City Clerk Dave Kurcina
Council: Tammy Johnson, Wendy DeAngelis, Nick Cekinovich,
Charles McCoy, Alexis Russell and John Casinelli

Also: Police Chief Larry Rea

Place: Follansbee Community House

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Subject: City Plaza Modifications

The Mayor presented the following presentation to start the Meeting. He also displayed a Detail Drawing of the Plaza with Penn Street closed and another Detail Drawing of the Plaza with Penn Street remaining open.

Goals of City Plaza Project

1. Build up the Core of our City
2. Economic/ Community Development
3. Nice area for all our Citizens
4. Community Events
5. Wild & Wonderful Wednesdays

Projects & Grants

Street Lights on Main Street –

Currently doing engineering, \$200,000 in City Budget

Goal is to do entire Main Street (maybe in Phases)

American Rescue Plan \$1,130,000.00

Water, Wastewater or Broadband

Received ½ on July 30, 2021

Will receive ½ on July 30, 2022

Separate Account – Closely audited by WV

Firehouse –

\$2,500,000.00 Project
Engineering complete, shovel ready
Fire Marshall reviewed drawings
Working on Grants

Water & Sewer –

Water \$9.2 MM & Wastewater \$10.0 MM
Shovel Ready
Break Water Projects in Phases
Start Date is September 30, 2021
\$3,100,000 Army Corp Grant for Water Project
Just applied for additional Grants

Allegheny Creek –

Study on Flooding
\$95,000 Total Cost
Follansbee pays ½
Army Corp pays ½

Building Enforcement

City of Follansbee Budget

\$54,000 Dilapidated Structures (increase from normal \$35,000 annually)
Removing 5/6 buildings this year
Trying to get Grants
Removing buildings is vital task for every City, but it is a good Growth Plan

Plaza Design

Beautification Committee
Design Document
CT Consultants
Value Engineered with Ewusiak Construction

Financial/ Commercial

Pugliese Grant
\$45,000

Dorothy Kotroumanis
Willed \$120,000 to the City of Follansbee

Beautification Budget

\$20,000

Original Option \$285,000

Constructability Review & Estimate – Scott Ewusiak

Penn Street Open Option \$TBD

With - \$180,000 can complete in Phases

Phase I – Everything except Arch

Phase II – Arch

Advertise for Construction

With the Money in hand, the Mayor stated that the City can do Phase I of either keeping Penn Street closed or keeping Penn Street opened. In addition, the Grant Writer is currently working on another Grant with the State. The Mayor is giving Council a week so they can talk to their Constituents and come back for another Special Council Meeting on Monday August 23rd.

There were comments from the Public in favor of closing Penn Street and against the closing of Penn Street. There was some discussion about the money that was left to the City from Miss Dorothy Kotroumanis. Alexis stated that it is up to Council as a team to manage money and to manage the Budget. The Plaza will continue to be named “The Ray Stoaks Plaza.” It was also noted that Restrooms are not included in the Design; however, this will be taken into consideration.

Motion by John Casinelli/ 2nd by Nick Cekinovich to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimous

Dave Kurcina, City Clerk