

VELVET LANE PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
JANUARY 6, 2000
9:30 A.M. – CITY HALL

Pursuant to proper notice duly given as required by law, the City Council met in the Chambers of City Hall to review the feasibility study prepared by Widseth Smith Nolting for improvements to Velvet Lane. Velvet Lane runs south off of CSAH 36 for approximately 400 feet. Present at the hearing was Mayor Darrell Swanson, Councilmembers Charles Miller, Irene Schultz, Dean Swanson and Richard Upton. Also present was City Administrator Thomas Swenson, City Engineer Dave Reese, Deputy Clerk Darlene Roach and Public Works Foreman Pat Hoag and City Attorney Paul Sandelin. (Sign in sheet attached as a permanent part of the minutes.)

Mayor Swanson called the public hearing to order at 9:50 A.M. and stated that the purpose of the hearing was to review the feasibility report for Velvet Lane. City Administrator Swenson read the Affidavit of Mailing and Publication for two notices that were mailed on December 16th. The first notice contained information regarding the Rabbit Lane Public Hearing and was sent in error so a second notice containing information on Velvet Lane was sent out the same date. The mailing included the time and date of the hearing. Also included with the affidavit was a copy of the postage paid, dated envelope mailed to benefiting property owners on the road along with estimated costs including page 10 of the Feasibility Report.

City Engineer Dave Reese presented the feasibility study completed by Widseth Smith Nolting as required under Minnesota Statute 429. A copy of the report is available at City Hall. He stated that Velvet Lane currently abuts 8 lots/parcels of land and provides driveway access for four existing residences. Currently Velvet Lane is a 15 foot wide aggregate surfaced road and would be categorized as a lane or access. A cul de sac would need to be constructed and the existing trees in the center would need to be removed to construct a standard cul de sac. Some ditching will be required. The feasibility study proposed an 18' wide road, however, proposed changes in the Ordinance would allow for 14' and 16' roadways for dead end roads where the lots served are between 0 and 5 and 6 and 10 lots. If the project goes to design, the engineer will look at reducing the width, which will decrease the cost of the project. The estimated construction cost (for an 18' roadway) is \$17,920 plus \$1,792, 10% additional for contingencies, plus \$4,928 for engineering, legal and administrative expenses for a total estimated project cost of \$24,640. The City will use the equivalent lot basis for assessing the project with the City paying 50% of the cost. The estimated eight equivalent lots would pay an estimated \$1,540 per lot. Financing terms will be decided at the final assessment hearing, however, the City has used a financing period of ten years on previous assessment projects. Existing paved driveways, which extend into the right-of-way, will be matched with bituminous. A one-to-two foot kickout or apron will be extended from the roadway for gravel driveways.

No letters were received regarding the project. One property owner letter was returned with a notice that the property owner is deceased.

The Council agreed that this road needed to be reviewed as a 16' roadway rather than a 14' roadway and the City Engineer and Public Works Foreman concurred. Councilmember Swanson noted that the small white pines could be moved, however, the City would not pay to have them moved. Public Works Foreman Pat Hoag stated that he would maybe move them to the Community Center grounds. The Council agreed that this would be a good idea but they would have to be moved before the contractor got on sight.

The hearing was opened for comments and there being none, MOTION PH2-01-01-99 WAS MADE BY CHUCK MILLER AND SECONDED BY DEAN SWANSON TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENT TO VELVET LANE AT 10:03 A.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Recorded and transcribed by:



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