

PUBLIC MEETING AND COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 6, 2008  
5:00 P.M.  
BLUFFS AREA FAMILY CENTER

The public was invited to view and comment on the options for the South Lewis Blvd and 1<sup>st</sup> Street Reconstruction Project Summary and anticipated Schedule. Citizens and business owners attending were shown two options, and given the opportunity to comment at the meeting or in writing by March 20, 2008. Options are on display at Veenstra & Kimm and City Hall. This project will entail the reconstruction of South Lewis Blvd and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The existing pavement on South Lewis Blvd will be removed from just south of G Street to south of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and on 1<sup>st</sup> Street from just west of Port Neal Road. This project will also replace the existing traffic signals with a state-of-the-art installation with the potential of interconnecting all the traffic signals along 1<sup>st</sup> Street towards Interstate 29, if or when needed. A new pedestrian crossing will be added to the railroad crossing and a new walk on the south side of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Port Neal Road across Lewis Blvd. After the informational meeting, the council held its meeting at 6:26 p.m. Mayor Petersen called the meeting to order. Present were: Kollbaum, Wood, Seward, Huser and Wendel. The council discussed a 'no left turn' at Port Neal Road and 1<sup>st</sup> Street and also possibly making Port Neal Road one-way going north as a method of controlling traffic on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Making Port Neal one way would change the options as presented. A 'no left turn' onto Port Neal Road had been discussed and a test program considered for this spring, seeing what happens to the traffic flow and what issues need to be dealt with when that happens. Temporary barriers would be in place to eliminate that left turn. Port Neal Road may also be tried as one-way street. It will take education for the public through newsletters, city and school, and the Advocate. Mayor Petersen wanted to do this test the month of April through the end of the school year. Council would also coordinate the traffic flow with the schools. Huser would like to protect Airview Drive from the increased traffic. A traffic study will be done with the traffic as it is now and when the 'no turn' is in place. Motion by Wood, seconded by Seward to set up a temporary 'no left turn' on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Port Neal Road in anticipation of this project and in conjunction with the school district. Further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Water study – Chris Jens, Veenstra & Kimm. Mr. Jens, reviewed and explained his figures for Sergeant Bluff water use projections, storage calculations, new separate water plant costs, participation cost with new Sioux City Water Treatment plant, South Sioux City and City of Sergeant Bluff Water Treatment Plant and a summary comparison of alternatives. Council members discussed the costs of partnering in regional water plants with Sioux City and South Sioux City. Kollbaum felt that the City of Sergeant Bluff should build its own water treatment plant. Seward stated that the city would have better water if the City built its own plant. Wendel thought the city could control their costs better. Huser would be more willing to consider a regional water plant that had a separate board, not controlled by Sioux City. Mayor Petersen meets with Sioux City and is looking for a direction from the Council. Council was given the opportunity to delay the decision if needed. Motion by Seward, seconded by Kollbaum to build a separate water plant, not a regional plant with Sioux City or South Sioux City. Discussion of location of new treatment plant, costs, basis of study, water rates for customers, population growth and needed wells. Ayes: Kollbaum, Wendel, Seward, Huser, Wood. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Jens will finish the study and begin the process with the DNR.

Mayor Petersen adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m.

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Dale Petersen, Mayor

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Candice Litras, City Clerk