

RESOLUTION 1023

RESOLUTION APPROVING THOSE CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OLIPHANT STREET PRIORITY ROUTES SIDEWALK PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch is concerned about the safety of children walking to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the best interest of the residents of West Branch to add sidewalks around the Herbert Hoover Elementary and Middle School Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed at length the sidewalks that would provide the most benefit to children walking to school; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. to provide an engineer's estimate for the cost of sidewalks on Poplar, Oliphant (from Orange to Crestview) and connecting Orange Street to the Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the choice of said sidewalks focuses funds on the construction of sidewalks closest to the school; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable estimate of the cost of said sidewalks is known by the Council and can be paid for without requiring the City to incur debt; and

WHEREAS, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. submitted a proposed engineering agreement dated February 6, 2012, to provide said services in the amount of \$6,900.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 969 on February 6, 2012 approving an engineering services agreement with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. in connection with the Priority Routes Sidewalk Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 981 on March 5, 2012 adopting the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget which included funding for priority routes sidewalk projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council met jointly with the West Branch Community School District Board of Education on April 23, 2012 and June 6, 2012 discuss current and future sidewalk projects and potential grant funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Oliphant Street Sidewalk Project, which proposes a five foot sidewalk on the east side of Oliphant Street from Orange Street to Crestview Drive, is one of the three projects included in Resolution 969; and

WHEREAS, City staff and elected officials have discussed the proposed project with eight property owners whose property would be impacted as a result of the construction of the Oliphant Street Sidewalk Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney and City Staff have prepared easement agreements for the review of these eight property owners; and

WHEREAS, all of the eight property owners have signed their easement agreements in the presence of a notary and submitted those signed documents to the City of West Branch; and

WHEREAS, three of these easement agreements still require approval of the West Branch City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Cedar County, Iowa, that the aforementioned easement agreements with the Owners be and the same are hereby approved. Further, the Mayor and City Clerk are directed to execute said agreements on behalf of the City.

Passed and approved this 6th day of August, 2012.



Don Kessler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk