



Item: Resolution 9865, Cost Recovery for Hazardous Sidewalk, North ½ of Lot 7, Block 150 Great Falls 4th Addition (2226 7th Avenue North)

From: Engineering Division

Initiated By: Public Works Department

Presented By: Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Action Requested: Set Public Hearing for assessing the costs incurred for the repair of dangerous sidewalk against property owner (Lavonna Ehnes / Antone Ehnes)

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission set the public hearing for September 15, 2009, on Resolution 9865, to assess the total charges of \$3,475.28 against the property with interest and penalties on the unpaid balance.

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: Set the public hearing for September 15, 2009.

Background:

Significant Impacts

The City Engineering Office condemned 525 square feet of sidewalk at 2226 7th Avenue North after receiving a complaint about a tripping hazard on June 11, 2008. Great Falls Municipal Code 12.28.120 and Montana Code Annotated, sections 7-14-4109, 7-14-4110, 7-12-4169, and 7-12-4181, authorize the City to condemn sidewalks that become dangerous to public safety. These codes allow for the repair and collection of repair costs from property owners.

Citizen Participation

A letter was sent June 12, 2008 to the property owner condemning the sidewalk. A certified letter was sent on April 21, 2009. That letter came back unclaimed.

Workload Impacts

City engineering staff inspected the sidewalk, issued letters to property owner, contacted three contractors for bids to repair the sidewalk, and inspected the work done by the

contractor.

Purpose

The sidewalk was condemned due to severely heaved, cracked, and broken sidewalk that posed a danger to pedestrian traffic.

Project Work Scope

A total of 475 square feet of 4 inch and 50 square feet of 6 inch reinforced sidewalk was removed and replaced.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Three quotes were received to remove and replace the hazardous sidewalk. David Kuglin Construction, M & F Finishing and Lonestar Construction all submitted quotes with Lonestar Construction submitting the low quote of \$2,787.00.

Conclusion

City staff recommends setting the Public Hearing for assessing the costs incurred for repair of dangerous sidewalk at 2226 7th Avenue North.

Concurrences:

Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact

The attached is a list of events and actions staff took to eliminate the hazard, and the costs incurred in making the repairs.

Alternatives:

The City Commission could vote to deny setting the Public Hearing.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Events and actions by staff and list of costs incurred.