

**CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES,  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City of Park River held a Street Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. to discuss a request to vacate an alley and change it to a green space.

Street Committee Chair Dwight Byron called the meeting to order with the following present: Committee members Knutson & Byron, Public Works Director Larson, City Attorney Laaveg, City Coordinator Halldorson, and Auditor Berg. Absent: Committee member Lundquist. Others: Laurie Larson

Byron informed those present a petition had been received from property owners regarding the alley on the north side of Hobbs Street West.

Laurie Larson informed those present she contacted property owners whose lots border the alley and asked them to sign the petition. The request is to have the City vacate the alley, construct a green space and turn it over to the property owners for maintenance. There has been a water drainage issue for the past several years and she feels this would be a good solution for the property owners and the City.

Laaveg stated one of the residents living in the area in question did not sign the request as he is against the idea. He plans to build a garage in the back of his property and would need the alley for access. In order for the City to take action on a petition, per ND CC 40-39-05, 100% of residents in the petition area must agree to and sign the request. In addition, when the City vacated a street or alley in the past, any work done to the area after it has been vacated has been at the property owner's expense as would be in this case.

PWD Larson made those present aware that the City has two water mains located in the alley in question. The 10" and 12" lines bring water into the City's water treatment plant for processing and cannot be moved.

The water drainage has been an issue and Knutson felt an engineer should be hired to conduct a study and give the City an estimate and options for fixing the alley drainage issue and asked Halldorson to contact KLJ.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

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Dwight Byron, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Ann Berg, City Auditor