

**Council Study Committee
February 13, 2012
Minutes**

Council Members Present: Chair Pam Pepper, Pete Berry, Greg Marchant, Eric Mathieu, John Sirianni and Mayor Bresnan. Absent: John Parker

Staff Present: Jean Furler and Chuck Burgin

1. **Discuss Street Replacement Project:** The street replacement project was not approved at the February 6, 2012 council meeting. The committee reviewed the project and related costs. Chuck Burgin provided an overview of past replacement projects and discussed how assessments were handled. Streets were 100% assessed starting in the early 1930's and reduced to 50% in 1984.

Process for street replacement projects has been; 1) staff reviews streets and makes a recommendation for replacement, 2) An engineer is hired to review recommendation and 3) core samples are obtained to confirm condition of streets selected. The committee discussed changing the assessment policy from 50% to 30% (15% on each side of the street) for re-paving projects not total replacement and possibly utilizing franchise fees to offset the cost.

The committee agreed to begin the legal process to continue with the 2012 street replacement project and change the assessment policy from 50% to 30%.

2. **Natural Gas Franchise Fees:** The committee discussed the franchise fee and potential percentage options. Each 1% generates approximately \$48,200 per year based on numbers provided by MidAmerican Energy. The committee agreed to move ahead with the process and will consider a Revenue Purpose Statement at the February 21 council meeting. A percentage will be determined at a later date after further review of budget numbers.
3. **FY2012-2013:** The committee discussed the FY2013 budget which includes a rate of \$11.30. A rate of \$11.20 was discussed by the committee and will be considered at the March 5 council meeting. The rate set at the March 5 public hearing may be lowered but cannot be increased.

The committee adjourned at 7:08 p.m.