

**STREET COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2011 MEETING
City Hall, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City
7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

**Casey Wheeler, Chair
Dave Jensen, Committee Member
Jeff Peterson, Committee Member
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder
Micah Rogers, Public Works Superintendent**

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

“I” Street (Second Street to Strand) Resurfacing Project

The committee discussed the timing of the repairs using the SCA grant funds. It was determined that it would be best to do it after school is out and in the July/August timeframe if that time period is within the grant time tolerances. The ground would be the driest at that time of year and result in better conditions for the resurfacing. Leahnette will check on the grant timing for the committee.

Updates for draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

In discussing the current plan it was determined that the “L” street repairs needed to have a higher priority than the “H” street repairs due to the traffic load that “L” street experiences on a daily basis. The committee agreed that the other street improvement projects should remain on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Leahnette brought up the subject of the possibility of crack sealing a number of streets throughout the city due to some increased gas tax funds from the state. The committee concurred that this would be a good use of the funds, but in a number of cases weed killer will need to be applied to kill weeds/grass coming up in the cracks. In addition, the cracks will need to be blown out using an air compressor as the cleaner the crack the better the sealer will adhere to the asphalt.

SCA Project for 2012

The committee was unanimous in selecting the “L” street project to be submitted for the SCA grant for 2012.

Other Business

Jeff brought up the need to resurface some of the signs within the city and mentioned that the county has found that refacing signs was much more cost effective than buying new ones. There have been changes in the law regarding the specifics of street signs, but these do not impact the city until the signs need to be changed due to readability issues. Micah will make an appointment with Jeff to observe how the county handles the process.

Adjournment Time: 7:50 p.m.