MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Henderson (Chair), Elizabeth Hellrung, Tony Manley, Debbie Knoll
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor David Nonn, Dan Dawson, Rob Hancock, Tom Cissell, Brent Shownes, Kim Thomas, Andrea Lambert

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All committee members were present.

<u>Discussion and Recommendation of Payment for Proposed Old Troy Road Roundabout:</u>

This roundabout is proposed for construction at the intersection of Highway 162 and Old Troy Road. Chairman Henderson asked City Engineer Cissell to speak on this topic.

Engineer Cissell started by giving an overall history/assessment of the project.
In 2017, the city was awarded a CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) Program grant through East-West Gateway. The grant was $846K for the $1.2M project. Lochmueller Group was selected to complete the design. Lochmueller received an updated intersection design from IDOT in 2018. The update increased the price of design/construction to $1.8M. This increased the city's obligation to approximately $1M.
The previous mayor and a prior city administrator met with Madison County, Collinsville Township, and the city of Glen Carbon, to get partners to assist with financing the project (which is just outside Troy city limits). Madison County and Glen Carbon were not willing to assist so the project was put on hold for over a year. IDOT then put pressure on the city to use the awarded grant. The city agreed to complete the engineering up to the 50% level. Lochmueller was released to design the project. They spent about $95K of the $141K on the preliminary engineering contract. They were then put on hold by the previous city administrator due to COVID.
Lochmueller submitted a bill to the city for $32K. We have paid this bill but have not submitted the bill to IDOT for our 80% reimbursement. They have also submitted a $55K bill which has not been paid. We need to submit the $32K bill for reimbursement, pay the $55K bill, and then submit that bill for 80% reimbursement. (We can receive 80% reimbursement from IDOT up to the $141K limit on the contract.) The city council needs to decide whether or not we want to continue this project. Mr. Cissell said we may want to let them complete the design. IDOT has agreed to consider the updated cost of the project, but they will not even review unless we have 50% design completed.
To source additional funding, Mayor Nonn called Mayor Short of Maryville. Mayor Short will contact the Collinsville Township Supervisor. (The road actually belongs to Collinsville Township.) Mayor Nonn also spoke with Adam Walden, the recently appointed Madison County Engineer. He has not received replies to these calls yet.
Bottom line: We only need to spend $10K additional in city funds to get to the table with IDOT. Apparently there is no sunset clause on CMAQ grants. In theory, is it five years, but Engineer Cissell has not seen any CMAQ funds pulled back. Our total commitment on the preliminary design of the project is $28K. This would include the layout and a cost estimate for construction.

If IDOT or others agree to assist us with funding, we may be able to complete the project. Engineer Cissell will also look for additional grants.

Alderman Hellrung said we should pay the bills we have already received. We also should take the design to the 50% level. Mayor Nonn said he believes Madison County will assist with funding. He agrees that we should pay the bills and continue with the design. We should also source all additional funding that we can. All committee members were in agreement.

Motion: To approve payment of the existing bills, obtain reimbursement from IDOT on the bills, and take engineering/design to the 50% level (not to exceed the contract limit of $141K).
Motion by: Henderson. **Second by**: Manley. **Vote**: Aye – 4; Nay – 0).

Additional discussion was held after the vote on which funding sources would be used to pay the bills (since the city must front the money prior to reimbursement).

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Motion by: Knoll
Second by: Hellrung
Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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