

AGENDA
CITY OF HARTFORD
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
6:30 P.M.

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Public comment period.
4. Discussion and consideration of Washington County road transfer.
5. Adjournment

NOTE: "PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT LEAST ONE (1) BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING."

"MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY ATTEND THE ABOVE MEETING. PURSUANT TO STATE EX REL. BADKE V. GREENDALE VILLAGE BOARD; 173 WIS 2D 553, 494 N.W. 2D 408 (1993) SUCH ATTENDANCE MAY BE CONSIDERED A MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL. THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN SO THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MAY ATTEND THE MEETING WITHOUT VIOLATING THE OPEN MEETING LAW."

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TITLE: Transferring of County & State Roads to Locally owned roads

BACKGROUND:

Representatives of Washington County have been contacting local townships, villages and cities regarding the interest in transferring of county and state roads to local control.

The three roads that they are proposing to transfer to the City of Hartford's control would be:

- Cty Hwy N: State Street to County line.
- Cty Hwy U: City limits to Arthur Road
- State Hwy 83: State Hwy 60 to Clover Road

City staff researched these roads for possible maintenance issues and increased maintenance costs.

City staff worked with County Administrator Josh Schoemann to address their concerns.

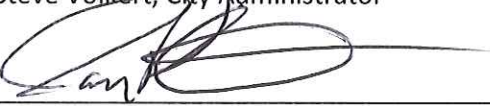
FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact on the city will be negligible as the County is offering to pay the estimated maintenance costs for the first 10 years. All costs after 10 years would be absorbed by the city.

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends the City Council approve the transfer of Cty Hwy N from State Street to the Dodge County line, along with State Hwy 83 from State Hwy 60 to Wilson Avenue with the negotiated maintenance reimbursement payment of \$156,000 coming from the county.

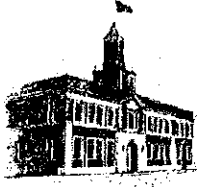
PREPARED BY:  DATE: 9-25-17
Steve Volkert, City Administrator

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Ian Prust, City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:  DATE: 9-25-17
Jason Schall, City Engineer

Committee Routing: Public Works Committee
City Council

September 26, 2017
October 10, 2017



CITY OF HARTFORD

Steve Volkert, City Administrator

TO: Mayor Tim Michalak, Josh Schoemann

CC:

DATE: September 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Washington County request to transfer roads

After review of the request by Washington County representatives to transfer county roads to city ownership, my staff has the following recommendations for moving forward:

Observations:

Cty Hwy N: State Street extension to County Line (1.3 Miles)

Current Road Condition:

- Road is in good shape, estimated at 2 years old.
- There is a lot of shouldering maintenance needed to this stretch, estimating 3 hours per year.
- Very few trees to maintain.

Safety Issues:

- Expected speed limit currently 55 mph. Area not urbanized to feel we could lower much less than 45.
- Open area would cause heavy drifting of snow, estimated of 10 hours per year of extra plowing.

Costs: (Per Year)

- Painting: \$500
- Snow Plowing: \$350
- Extra salt: \$8,000
- Incidental costs, (ditch cleaning, culverts, maintaining guard rails, grass cutting (\$350)
- Total Cost per year: \$9,200
- Transportation Aids: 1.3 miles x \$2,200 per mile = \$2,860
- Net impact on taxes: \$6,340
- Ten-year impact on tax rate based on exculpating costs: \$92,000.

Cty Hwy U: City limits to Arthur Road (1.2 Miles)

Current Road Condition:

- Poor condition (on schedule to be redone).
- All culverts need replacement
- Drainage ditches all need reditching

Safety Issues:

- Drifting is bad
- Current road conditions make the corners unsafe
- 90 degree turns make it more hazardous

Costs: (Per Year)

- Painting: \$500
- Snow Plowing: \$350

- Extra salt: \$8,000
- Incidental costs, (ditch cleaning, culverts, maintaining guard rails, grass cutting): \$350
- Total Cost per year: \$9,200
- Transportation Aids: 1.2 miles x \$2,200 per mile = \$2,640
- Net impact on taxes: \$6,560
- Estimated 2018 costs to completely reconstruct: \$2,750,000.

State Hwy 83: Hwy 60 to Clover Road (2.25 Miles)

Current Road Condition:

- Reasonable condition – Possible chip sealing in five years (\$45k).
- No urbanization signs out beyond Wilson Avenue.
- Through marsh (lots of culverts)
- Lot of ditch cleaning
- Open area provides more road kill

Safety Issues:

- Drifting is bad
- Plowing beyond Wilson done at 55 mph
- Clover Road not safe location for plows to turn around

Costs: (Per Year)

- Painting: \$600
- Snow Plowing: \$800
- Extra salt: \$8,000
- Incidental costs, (ditch cleaning, culverts, maintaining guard rails, grass cutting): \$350
- Future cost to chip seal: \$9,000
- Total Cost per year: \$18,750
- Transportation Aids: 2.25 miles x \$2,200 per mile = \$4,950
- Net impact on taxes: \$13,800

Total impact on City tax rate: \$26,700 (.03 tax increase)

Staff Recommendation:

- City could take Hwy N as long as we don't have issues with creating town islands along N. To eliminate tax increase, cash payment of \$92,000 requested for 10 years of increasing maintenance.
- City would request County to come back to them on Hwy U once the road is improved. At this time, not interested. If needed to transfer, our estimate for 2018 complete reconstruction would be \$2,750,000. Additional maintenance costs would add \$65,600 for 10 years.
- City would consider Hwy 83 from 60 to Wilson Avenue. Not interested beyond that. Once city expands further down 83, we would relook at it at that time. To eliminate tax increase, cash payment of \$64,000 requested for 10 years of connecting highway aid revenue loss.