

**SPECIAL OTSEGO CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026  
5:30 PM  
OTSEGO PRAIRIE CENTER**

Call to Order:

Mayor Stockamp called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Roll Call:

Mayor Jessica Stockamp and Councilmembers: Ryan Dunlap, Tina Goede, Michelle Lund, and Corey Tanner. City Staff: City Administrator/Finance Director Adam Flaherty, Street Operations Manager Kevin Lamson, City Planner Dan Licht, City Engineer Ron Wagner, Assistant City Engineer Matt Kind, and City Clerk Audra Etzel.

1. 2026 Street Renewal Project:

City Engineer Wagner reviewed the staff report and presentation regarding 70<sup>th</sup> Street NE (west end to Kadler Ave NE) and Otsego I-94 West Industrial Park – 71<sup>st</sup> Street NE.

Stockamp spoke with Flaherty regarding the project and said the conversation of assessments needs to be addressed for future projects. CM Dunlap said the Public Works Subcommittee would like the full City Council to review the funding approach to these types of projects.

City Engineer Wagner reviewed the two different types of projects proposed in the feasibility report. The City Council discussed the benefits of each and after lengthy discussion concurred that Project A1 was the preferred approach noting the cost differences and that this is an isolated industrial area and having curb and gutter streets seemed unnecessary in this case.

City Engineer Wagner reviewed the different methods of assessment calculations proposed in the feasibility report. The City Council discussed each of the methods but ultimately felt uncomfortable with the amounts of the assessments. The City Council discussed the need to revisit the special assessment policy as it relates to commercial and industrial street reconstruction projects. City staff noted the statutory process that needs to be followed for an assessment project and that many of those steps cannot resume until the assessment policy is reviewed. City staff also noted the engineer estimated cost of the project is in excess of the budget within the Capital Improvement Plan. The City Council discussed several alternative approaches to moving forward with the project, but ultimately the majority of the City Council determined it was best to not move forward with the project in 2026 and rather to focus on review of the funding approach including the special assessment policy.

The City Council agreed to remove item 5.1 from the scheduled City Council meeting tonight.

2. Future Transportation Projects Discussion (Verbal).

Flaherty reviewed a number of potential future street projects as outlined in the City's Transportation Plan and the Wright County Plan. The City Council had questions that were answered by City staff. Flaherty noted this was more of an update so that the City Council is aware of the City staff ongoing efforts on these potential projects.

3. Adjourn.

**CM Dunlap motioned to adjourn at 6:50 PM, seconded by CM Tanner. All in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

*Minutes prepared by Audra Etzel, City Clerk.*

**City of Otsego**

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Jessica Stockamp, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Audra Etzel, City Clerk