

# Cole Camp City Council Meeting

## Special Open Session

### August 13, 2024 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Cole Camp, Missouri met in Special Open Session in the meeting room at City Hall on August 13, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. The following Aldermen are present: Mindy Fox, Steve Knox, David Locke, Jeremiah Crider. Mayor Diana Burdick was also present. City Attorney Hunter Martin was present. Administration in attendance: City Clerk Dawn Paul. Attendance: Jonny Ehlers, Jo Ann Lane, Marge Lumpe, Bob Brown, Wanda Brown, Dillon Feely (Teams Meeting), Frank Miller (Teams Meeting), Ron Bentch, Rick Mihalevich, Brian Von Holten.

Call meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Alderman invited several people to the meeting with the intention of answering questions and getting more information on The Rock Island Trail.

The Following were invited:

- Dillon Feely, Bartlett and West
- Frank Miller, MoDOT
- Ron Bentch, MO Department of Natural Resources
- Jo Ann Lane, Economic Developer of Benton County
- Rick Mihalevich, Friends for the Rock Island Trail

Here are some of the questions and answers that were given during the special open session.

What does the \$144,000 engineering services cover? Dillon Feely responded that the \$86,000 includes survey of site, working with MoDOT on the preliminary plans, right of way stages, easements acquirement, property acquirement, developing final plans, putting it out to bid, and working with contractors. The \$58,000 is construction engineering assistance.

How did Bartlett and West come up with the figures? The figures are based on conceptional plans, the length of the project, assumed amount of rock for the trail and material required to construct the trail head. Bartlett & West worked with State Parks to come up with quantities and unit prices. Yes, inflation was factored in for construction quantities.

What is the \$50,000 mobilization money and who does it go to. The \$50,000 is a cost to move equipment and materials to the site. It is a cash-flow for the construction company to mobilize to the site.

How many miles are we involved in? The trailhead and .77 miles are the base project.

Frank Miller joined the meeting virtually.

Does all the maintenance fall to the city? The City is responsible for maintenance and could contract it to other parties.

Private Road to Trailhead? There is interest in acquiring easements or right-a-way to the site after the award had been granted.

Can people donate time and labor, non-employees for the grant? The labor must go through the federal process. The material generally goes through the contractor and material needs to be purchased in the US according to federal guidelines.

Is there any way to have a cap on maintenance? The 25 years is part of the Federal Law under public investments.

Who oversees the project? The city is the sponsor, with MoDOT and Federal oversight.

Who oversees the maintenance? Does the city have to have Federal Approval? The State Parks will maintain the trail.

If the grant is not enough money to cover the cost is the city responsible? Yes, the city is responsible for finishing the project.

Is the city responsible for liability if someone is hurt at the trailhead? Yes, the same rules apply to city owned property.

If we do not accept this with the grant, we will not ever get another grant? The city is eligible to apply but could be penalized.

Does MoDOT consider this project started? Yes, the money has been allocated.

What are MoDOT plans to get from Windsor and Versailles to connect to us? There are plans, but no timeline.

When was the last time state funds were budgeted for this trail? 2021

Why was this information not brought to the council to work up the grant? Bartlet and West primally worked with Mayor Meuschke and the Rock Island Working Group.

What made the trailhead pick from High Lonesome Prairie to Nay? The access to the trailhead is the reason they chose the location.

What happens to the farmers' properties around the trail? The State would supply fencing, and the farmers would have a license to move cattle at any time.

What is the dollar figure of the Katie Trail per mile? Overall, all trails including the bridges across the state cost approximately \$9,800 per mile, it includes the labor and machinery purchases.

What if Cole Camp doesn't do the trailhead? The State department would look into building a trailhead in the future.

Who is the Working Group who did the survey? The answer is on page two of the Cole Camp Connectivity Study.

The project says we have 23 months, why do we have to decide immediately? To keep the project timeline.

The Friends of the Rock Island Trail State Park board has voted to put \$2,500 in restricted funds for Cole Camp to support the match.

Steve Knox moves to adjourn with a second from David Locke. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Minutes by Dawn Paul:

Minutes approved by:

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Diana M Burdick, Mayor

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Dawn Paul, City Clerk