

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

Mayor Jud Marshall convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Council members: Richard Brainerd, Jeff Ledermann, and Jane Schneeweis in attendance. City Council member Steve Wolgamot was absent with prior notice. City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Fire Chief Terry Fischer, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council member Brainerd amended the consent agenda to include item 6e. Approve Resolution No. 2020-07 Approving the Agreement between and among the City of Mahtomedi, WSB & Associates, Inc., and Ken and Nina Rothchild relating to 14 Hickory Street Claims. Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4a. 5 Year Service Award- Kevin Bartholomew**

Mayor Jud Marshall presented Public Works Maintenance Operator Kevin Bartholomew with a 5 Year Service Award and thanked him for his service to the City of Mahtomedi.

**4b. Government Finance Officers Association Award**

Finance Director Schaefer said for the 28<sup>th</sup> straight year, the City has received the Governmental Finance Officers Association Award for its Comprehensive Financial Report.

**4c. PRESENTATIONS-Northeast Youth and Family Services – Jerry Hromatka**

Jerry Hromatka presented his annual update regarding the services offered by the Northeast Youth and Family Services to residents in this area.

**5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA – added item 6e.**

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Continued

6a. APPROVAL – Reclassify Firefighter/Paramedic Position from Grade 8 to Grade 9 and Revise Title of Firefighter/EMT to Firefighter/EMT/Inspector.

Staff asked and received permission to reclassify the Firefighter/Paramedic position from Grade Eight to Grade Nine and to revise the title of Firefighter/EMT to Firefighter/EMT/Inspector.

6b. APPROVAL – Acknowledge Completion of Probationary Period for Paid On-Call Firefighter/EMT Conor Vaughn.

Paid On-Call Firefighter/EMT Conor Vaughn has completed the required training needed to fulfill the probationary period. Fire Chief Fischer swore in Connor Vaughn and asked for and received permission to change his employment status to a paid on-call firefighter/EMT.

6c. APPROVAL – Hiring of Paid On-Call Firefighter/EMT's.

Fire Chief Fischer asked for and received permission to hire three paid on-call firefighter/EMT's. The candidates are Lindsey Tyren, Juliana Lambert, and Tony Hobert. The hiring will be contingent upon successful completion of the required psychological and physical assessments and a background check.

6d. APPROVAL – Construction Pay Voucher No. 12 (Final) in the amount of \$154,040.24 for Phase 3 Historic District Improvements for Kuechle Underground, Inc.

Construction Pay Voucher No. 12 (Final) in the amount of \$154,040.24 for the Phase 3 Historic District Improvement Project for Kuechle Underground, Inc. was approved.

6e. APPROVAL – Resolution 2020-07 Approving the Agreement between and among the City of Mahtomedi, WSB & Associates, Inc., and Ken and Nina Rothchild relating to 14 Hickory Street Claims.

Resolution 2020-07 Approving the Agreement between and among the City of Mahtomedi, WSB & Associates, Inc., and Ken and Nina Rothchild relating to 14 Hickory Street claims was approved.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Approving a Street Reconstruction Plan and Providing for the Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A to Finance Street and Utility System Improvements.

Finance Director Scott Schaefer introduced Nick Anhut, Ehlers & Associates, Inc.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Continued**

Mr. Anhut explained the project financing for the \$10,000,000 Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A to finance street and utility system improvements. He said included with the bonding plan is \$1,300,000 for the Historic District Phase 4 East project. He stated the public hearing tonight is specifically for the street reconstruction plan. He explained that before adopting a Street Reconstruction Plan or issuing Street Reconstruction Bonds, the City Council is required to hold a public hearing regarding the plan and issuance of bonds. He said these bonds will be combined with the bonds for the other projects this year and will total \$10,000,000. He indicated that the interest rate is below two percent and since the City is issuing early we are getting in ahead of other agencies.

He said Moody's Investor Service rated the City's most recent bond issues and the current ratings on those bonds are "Aa2." The City will request a new rating for the bonds from Standard and Poor's.

City Council member Brainerd asked if research has been completed comparing Moody's to Standard and Poor's.

Finance Director Schaefer said they have had some good discussions and sees no downside. He said we could possibly see our rating go up.

Mayor Jud Marshall opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. Hearing no commentary the public hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m.

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to approve a Resolution Approving a Street Reconstruction Plan and Providing for the Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020A to Finance Street and Utility System Improvements. The motion was unanimously passed.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL-Bill List**

Council member Ledermann moved and Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

City Engineer Sachi distributed maps indicating the trees and walls that will be removed/repaired as part of the Historic District Phase 4 project. He there is over 7,000' feet of

**9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Continued**

walls in this area and about 1,000' will be affected. A contractor that specializes in rebuild/removing these types of walls will be hired to do this part of the project. The maps that were handed out are the same the neighbors in that area will be receiving.

City Engineer Sachi said the City Council will approve the plans and specs of this project at the next meeting and then a neighborhood meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL - None**

City Council member Ledermann would like the Sheriff to provide an update. He also asked about the safe routes to school application.

City Engineer Sachi said the deadline to submit the application is April. He reminded the City Council that this item will be discussed at the joint meeting scheduled with the School Board on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

City Council member Brainerd indicated that he will be attending the Legislative Conference at the League of Minnesota Cities on March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged those interested to attend.

**11. CLOSED SESSION-None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

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JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
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JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR