

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2020**

Mayor Jud Marshall convened the regular City Council meeting telephonically at 7:00 p.m. with Council members: Richard Brainerd, Jeff Ledermann, Jane Schneeweis, and Steve Wolgamot in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Bridget Nason, City Engineers John Sachi and Nick Guilliams, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Fire Chief Terry Fischer, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 17, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council member Ledermann moved and City Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve the March 17, 2020 City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None

4. PRESENTATIONS - None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE

City of Birchwood Mayor Mary Wingfield and Birchwood City Council member John Fleck requested a meeting with the Mahtomedi City Council to discuss the design of the Lake Links Trail. Birchwood Mayor Wingfield said the current design of the trail is causing angst on the Birchwood side. She said they would like this resolved before the start of construction.

Mayor Jud Marshall would also like to discuss the upgrade of the Mahtomedi water line that serves four Birchwood residents.

Mayor Wingfield asked to receive a proposal from Mahtomedi before their next council meeting next week.

City Council members Schneeweis and Wolgamot volunteered to meet with Mayor Wingfield and City Council member Fleck to discuss these issues. City Administrator Scott Neilson and City Engineer John Sachi will also be included in the meeting and will bring recommendations to the City Council at their April 21, 2020 meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Schneeweis seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

6a. APPROVAL – Resolution 2020-21 Approving an Application for Authorization for St. Jude of the Lake Church to Conduct a Raffle and for a Temporary, One-Day On-Sale Liquor License.

Resolution 2020-21 Approving an Application for Authorization for St. Jude of the Lake Church to Conduct a Raffle and for a One-Day Liquor License was approved.

6b. APPROVAL – 2020 Street Sweeping Contract.

The 2020 Street Sweeping Contract with Allied Blacktop Company was approved. Allied Blacktop Company will bill the City \$86.00 per hour for this work.

6c. APPROVAL – Aaron’s Playground Plans and Permission to Bid.

The plans for Aaron’s Playground and permission to bid was approved. Donations were collected in the amount of \$110,000 and Cemstone Company has pledged to donate all the concrete needed for the construction of the playground.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Awarding Contract for Phase 4 West Historic District Improvements Project to Geislinger and Sons, Inc. with a total bid in the amount of \$3,860,009.01.

City Administrator Scott Neilson said two bids were received for this project on April 1, 2020. The low bid was submitted by Geislinger and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$3,860,009.01. The bid includes the Neptune Street Rain Garden Improvement.

City Engineer Sachi said the bid came in a little higher than they expected. He explained that this is a very complex project and they are excited to work with this contractor.

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-17 a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Phase 4 West –

8. STAFF REPORTS - Continued

Historic District Improvements Project to Geislinger & Sons, Inc. with a total bid in the amount of \$3,860,009.01 and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator/City Clerk to sign said contract. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

8b. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Rejecting Bids for Bevins, Bichner and Talahi Utility Extension Project.**

City Administrator Neilson said on March 12, 2020 two bids were open for this project. The low bid was submitted by T.A. Schifsky and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,569,745.73 which is \$450,000 over the original feasibility cost projection when the project was ordered last April.

City Engineer Sachi said they were very disappointed that only two bids were received for this project. He said three of four items skewed the bid and they hoped to receive more bids. He said they would like to re-bid this project as soon as possible because work may be drying up. In addition, contractors may now have time for a project like this. He said they might bid it in May and hope for construction to begin in June.

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-18 a Resolution Rejecting Bids for the Bichner, Bevins and Talahi Utility Extension Project. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

8c. **CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Rejecting Bids for 2020 Storm Sewer Projects and Glenmar Diversion Storm Sewer Project.**

City Administrator Neilson said four bids for this project were received on April 1, 2020. He said the low bid is from G.F. Jedlicki, Inc. in the amount of \$543,001.40, which is \$78,012.90 higher than the engineer's estimate.

City Engineer Sachi said this project was a combination of four projects. He said the price for the Glenmar portion is good, however the cost of the pumping station proposed for Florence and Robert Street is \$100,000 more than estimated. He said they plan to get quotes for the Harmony Drive and Park Avenue portions of this project. He explained that we have a commitment to complete the Glenmar Diversion project by 2023 and will reevaluate the pumping station.

8. STAFF REPORTS – Continued

Public Works Director Bob Goebel said they have not had to pump these ponds in 10 years, however since the wet summer last year they have spent quite a bit of time pumping here. He said they have a portable pump that they currently use.

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-19 a Resolution Rejecting Bids for 2020 Storm Sewer Projects and Glenmar Diversion Storm Sewer Project. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

8d. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Extending the Period of the Local Emergency to May 31, 2020 and Authorizing Certain Actions.

City Administrator Neilson said on March 16, 2020 the Mayor signed a Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and extended the declaration of local emergency for a period of thirty (30) days to April 16, 2020. He said by approving Resolution 2020-20 this will extend the local emergency to May 31, 2020. He explained the declaration for the local emergency can be lifted at any time.

City Council member Ledermann moved and City Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-20 a Resolution Extending the Term of Previously Declared Local Emergency to May 31, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

8e. CONSIDER APPROVAL-Bill List

City Council member Ledermann moved and City Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Neilson said the organics recycling program that is scheduled to begin on May 7 might be postponed. He said we will get more information from Waste Management when we get closer to that date.

City Attorney Bridget Nason gave a brief update regarding the status of the issue with 520 Robert Court. She said at this time she has not heard back from the mortgage holder and the attorney for Ms. Douglass continues to work with Ben Eggen regarding the licensing of the contractor. There has not been much progress since the last meeting.

9. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Continued

Fire Chief Fischer updated the City Council regarding the COVID-19 response. He said their call volume has declined. He said he met with the senior living facilities representatives regarding their plans during this time. He stated that they have enough protective supplies right now, the only item they are running low on are gowns. He said he is proud of his staff as they continue to show up for calls.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council member Ledermann asked if the City is aware of the fish die off on Lost Lake.

Public Works Director Goebel said he is aware of the die off and spoke with the DNR. The DNR said the die off is due to low oxygen levels in the lake and this is a natural occurrence.

Council member Ledermann asked if we could get this information out to the public.

Public Works Director Goebel said he will get something on the City's website.

11. CLOSED SESSION- Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) for an attorney-client privileged discussion involving property addressed as 520 Robert Court, Mahtomedi, Minnesota.

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subd. 3(b), pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to discuss the following pending litigation matter: City of Mahtomedi vs Katherine Verzhbitska-Radzills, et al. Washington County District Court File No. 82CV-17-5390. The closed meeting will be held via telephone only on a separate Zoom conference call number and will commence immediately. Once the closed meeting is completed, there being no further items on the agenda, once back in open session the Council will simply adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

Mayor Marshall, City Council members Brainerd, Ledermann, Schneeweis, and Wolgamot were in attendance along with City Administrator Neilson, City Attorney Nason, City Attorney David Sienko and City Clerk Jerene Rogers.

Following the Closed Session, City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to reconvene the regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT


City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Yea: Brainerd, Ledermann, Marshall, Schneeweis, Wolgamot. Nay: None.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



JERENE ROGERS,
CITY CLERK



JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR