

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2019**

Mayor Jud Marshall convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with Council members: Richard Brainerd, Tim Deans, Jeff Ledermann, and Steve Wolgamot in attendance. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Attorney Jay Karlovich, City Engineer John Sachi, Finance Director Scott Schaefer, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Administrator Scott Neilson asked the Council to move Consent Agenda Item 6a to Staff Report Item 8c for discussion.

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2019 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council member Ledermann moved and Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to approve the April 2, 2019 City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4a. Arbor Day/Month Proclamation

Mayor Marshall read the 2019 Arbor Day/Month Proclamation. Friday, April 26th, 2019 is proclaimed Arbor Day and May 2019 is proclaimed Arbor Month in the City of Mahtomedi.

4b. Partners in Energy Achievements and Progress

Jamie Johnson, Partners in Energy, reviewed the achievements and progress the City of Mahtomedi has accomplished since teaming up with Partners in Energy. She noted the City has offered a 50% discount for residents signing up for a Home Energy Squad visit. She said there were 40 home visits in 2018 compared to 21 in 2016. She said the City has an Energy Action Plan and one of the goals is to reduce energy related greenhouse gas by 30% by 2030 and 100% by 2050. She said the City has made good progress, but still has some steps to go.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Deb Altrichter, 144 Puma Lane, said there is a drainage issue near her home. The water puddles in the road. She said the street is breaking up because of the water issue.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

6a. APPROVAL – Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Mahtomedi and Washington County for Maintenance of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12. – moved to Staff Item C.

6b. APPROVAL – Permission to Advertise for Accounting Clerk Position.

Staff asked for and received permission to advertise for the open Accounting Clerk Position.

6c. APPROVAL – Liquor License Renewals.

Each year, licenses for on/off sale, Sunday, intoxicating, 3.2% Off-Sale Malt Liquor and gasoline stations come up for renewal. Staff recommended and received approval of the license renewals, contingent upon receipt of all appropriate paperwork and certificates of insurance.

6d. APPROVAL – Local Storm Water Management Plan.

The Local Water Management Plan was adopted as presented. The City Council is required to officially adopt the Local Water Management Plan dated December 2018 prepared by WSB within 120 days of Rice Creek Watershed District's approval.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Ordering Public Improvement Project Bevins, Bichner and Talahi Utility Extensions, Authorizing Preparation of Final Plans and Specifications, Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids, and Authorizing Preparation of Preliminary Proposed Assessment Roll for Pending Assessment Reporting Purposes.

City Engineer John Sachi overviewed the proposed Bevins, Bichner, and Talahi Utility Extension Project. He said there were three neighborhood meetings held regarding this project. He reminded the Council that this project was a petitioned project by members of the neighborhood. He explained the proposed improvements. He said the roads would be replaced as is, sanitary sewer extension would affect all four streets. A combination of gravity sanitary sewer, grinder pump station and force main will be used. He said there will be water main extensions in Bevins, Bichner and South Warner Avenue. He said there is also an option to loop the water main through Katherine Abbott Park. Engineer Sachi explained the project costs, assessments and proposed schedule. He said this project is proposed for construction in summer 2020.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – Continued

Council member Brainerd said staff did a nice job with this project.

Council member Ledermann would like somebody to define what a non-compliant septic system means.

City Administrator Neilson said that three years ago the Council adopted an ordinance requiring septic systems be inspected. From that inspection, the County determines if the system is compliant or non-compliant.

Mayor Marshall opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Al Holcomb, 182 Bevins Lane, supports this project and would like construction to begin as soon as possible.

Deb Altrichter, 144 Puma Lane, wants to know who is responsible if trees die.

Rose Urbiha, 175 Bevins Lane, is in favor of the project and would like the loop main through Katherine Abbott Park. She is at the end of the line and does not want stale water.

Stuart Salokar, 119 Bichner Lane, does not want this project. His system was non-compliant the last time this item was brought forward and he has since installed a new system. He also has concerns of water drainage in his backyard.

Ken Kaufhold, 185 Bevins Lane, is in support of this project. His system is compliant for he and his wife but wouldn't be for a larger family. He would need to bring it into compliance if he were to sell.

Kathleen Groh, 114 Bichner, she feels Washington County failed their area since they did not perform inspections in a timely manner. She said some systems have been brought into compliance. She has concerns regarding the tree canopy on Bichner Lane and would like to see the "slope" into Katherine Abbott Park taken care of.

Dave Gillet, 188 Bevins Lane, stated he is the newest homeowner in the area. He said now is the perfect time for this project.

Joe Bevins, 170 Bevins Lane, is in favor of this project. He read a statement indicating the numerous times this issue has come before the council. He stated the costs will continue to rise and if this project moves forward there could potentially be 13 buildable lots allowing for other families to make Mahtomedi their home.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – Continued

Hearing no further public commentary, Mayor Marshall closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

Engineer Sachi said the City does not intend to connect the lines in Talahi Drive to Warner Way. The City does have a utility easement for water main in Talahi and will work in the south side of the street. This project will not affect the trees in the area of 144 Puma Lane. He said this project will not alleviate the drainage issues for 119 Bichner Lane. He said we are not installing curb and gutter. Engineer Sachi said the City is not proposing to directional bore Bichner Lane, that would require digging too many holes. He said we are aware of the tree canopy and that many trees will be trimmed. He said many of the trees are in the City's' right-of-way. He said we will replace trees that are impacted.

Council member Brainerd said we have talked about this area a lot. He said it is time to make a decision. We haven't talked about the funding aspect for this project. He asked if this will be in the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan.

Finance Director Schaefer stated that this project is already in the Plan for 2020.

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-19 a Resolution Dispensing with a Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Compliance Review/Report of the Bevins, Bichner, and Talahi Utility Extension Public Capital Improvement Project. The motion was unanimously passed.

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-17 a Resolution Ordering Public Improvement Project Bevins, Bichner, and Talahi Utility Extension, Authorizing Preparation of Final Plans and Specifications, Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids, and Authorizing Preparation of Preliminary Proposed Assessment Roll for Pending Assessment Reporting Purposes. Council member Ledermann said this is a difficult decision; he is concerned about the costs. Mayor Marshall asked for a roll call vote: Ledermann-no, Brainerd-yes, Deans-yes, Wolgamot-yes and Marshall-yes. The motion passed 4-1.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Resolution Approving Lake Links Trail Alignment in Mahtomedi.

Engineer Sachi said the alignment for the Lake Links Trail through Mahtomedi has been discussed for the past few years. The alignment for the trail will run through the Historic

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District of the City. The narrative for the alignment is as follows:

Beginning at the common border with the City of Birchwood along Birchwood Road the Lake Links Trail is an off-road trail along the north side of Birchwood Road to Wildwood Beach Road. The trail will then be an on-road route along Wildwood Beach Road to Ash Street then along Ash Street to Park Avenue. The trail will then continue on-road north along Park Avenue to Locust Street, then east along Locust and Maple Streets to Mahtomedi Avenue (Highway 244). The trail will then be an off-road trail from Maple Street to Neptune Street crossing Mahtomedi Avenue at the marked crosswalk at Neptune Street where it will connect to the existing Streetcar Trail/Hamline Lake Trail. The Lake Links Trail will then follow the Streetcar Trail/Hamline Lake Trail to Quail Street where from that point the trail will be a combination of an on-road and off-road trail adjacent to and on Briarwood Avenue to Dwinnell Avenue where the paved trail will terminate at the Dellwood/Mahtomedi border.

Council member Wolgamot stated he is happy with this route.

Council member Wolgamot moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2019-18 a Resolution Approving the Alignment of the Lake Links Trail through the City of Mahtomedi. The motion was unanimously passed.

8b. CONSIDER APPROVAL – State of Minnesota Grant Agreement for the Lake Links Trail.

Engineer Sachi said the grant agreement for the Lake Links Trail in the amount of \$1,400,000 needs council approval. The Metropolitan Council Grant Program for Recreation Open Space Development will be used for the design, construction and contract administration for the Lake Links Trail.

Council member Wolgamot moved and Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to Approve the State of Minnesota Grant Agreement for the Lake Links Trail. The motion was unanimously passed.

8c. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Mahtomedi and Washington County for Maintenance of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12.-(moved from Consent Item 6a).

Engineer Sachi said several items were not addressed in the original maintenance agreement. For instance, the original agreement did not address who owns the sidewalks and trails. He also added a line asking the County to provide advance notice of required maintenance so the County and City can determine the appropriate maintenance strategies prior to completion of

8. STAFF REPORTS – Continued

such activities.

Council member Wolgamot moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve the amended Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Mahtomedi and Washington County for Maintenance of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12. The motion was unanimously approved.

8d. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Bill List.

Council member Deans 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 Administrator Scott Neilson said Hilton Trail will have a re-surface done in June or July. He stated this project will take 2 weeks. He also reminded the Council about the Rite of Spring event taking place on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the middle school. He said the hazardous waste drop-off will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Administrator Neilson said the Farmer's Market will be held on Sundays beginning June 16th at the District Education Office parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He also proposed to have the County Road 12 detour traffic moved from Dahlia Street to Hickory Street. He said Dahlia Street is in bad condition and has drainage issues.

The City Council agreed to move the detoured traffic from the County Road 12 project from Dahlia Street to Hickory Street. Staff will notify the County of this change.

Engineer Sachi said the County Road 12 bids came in 20% above the engineers estimate. There were only three bids received. He has not heard from County Staff regarding the bids. He said when we find out what this means for us we can decide which way to go.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Council member Wolgamot suggested asking the businesses in town that are not open in the evenings, if their parking lots would be available to other businesses that are open in the evenings. He suggested writing an article for the White Bear Press with a map showing available parking.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL – Continued

Council members Brainerd and Ledermann suggested City Administrator Neilson contact the downtown business owners, particularly the owners of 4 Seasons.

Council member Wolgamot suggested we look at putting three-way stop signs at the intersections of 72nd Street and Warner Avenue South and Juniper Street and Park Avenue.

Council member Brainerd said we will defer this suggestion to Administrator Neilson and Engineer Sachi.

11. CLOSED SESSION- Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) of City of Mahtomedi v. Katherine Verzhbitska-Radzills, et al., Washington County District Court File No. 82-CV-17-5390.

Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 9:56 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss an Attorney Client Privileged Discussion (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) of City of Mahtomedi v. Katherine Verzhbitska-Radzills, et al., Washington County District Court File No. 82.CV-17-5390. The motion was unanimously passed. Mayor Marshall, City Council members Brainerd, Deans, Ledermann, and Wolgamot were in attendance along with City Administrator Neilson, City Attorney Karlovich, Public Works Director Goebel and City Clerk Jerene Rogers.

Following the Closed Session, Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 10:27 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. ADJOURNMENT


Council member Brainerd moved and Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK



JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR