

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 4, 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 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

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MAY 21, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council member Wolgamot moved, and Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve the May 21, 2019 City Council meeting minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **PRESENTATIONS - None**
5. **DISCUSSION FROM THE AUDIENCE**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Brainerd moved to discuss agenda items 6b., 6c., 6d., 6f., and 6g., further and approve the remaining items, 6a. and 6e. Council member Wolgamot seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6a. **APPROVAL- 2020 Budget Calendar.**

The 2020 Budget Calendar was approved as presented.

6b. **APPROVAL- State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and City of Mahtomedi Detour Agreement for Trunk Highway No. 244 Detour.**

Council member Brainerd asked if this agreement could be explained.

City Engineer Sachi said MN DOT will be repairing the culvert that recently collapsed that is to the west of Birchwood Road on TH 244. When MN DOT detours traffic they generally do not like to detour traffic onto City streets, they prefer to detour onto County or State Roads. MN DOT will be required to completely close TH 244 from Old Wildwood Road to Birchwood Road and detour traffic. MN DOT realizes that local traffic will likely find a more convenient route, so MN DOT has proposed using TH 120 to Long Lake Road to Lincolntown Avenue back to TH 244. The Detour Agreement outlines the terms of the detour and compensation to the City

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in the amount of \$1,264.00.

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to approve the MN DOT Detour Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

6c. APPROVAL – Cost Sharing Agreement with Washington County for Storm Sewer on Library Site.

Council member Brainerd asked what the cost sharing agreement is for on the library site.

Engineer Sachi said the cost sharing agreement with Washington County is for the Storm Sewer pipe that will run from a small pond on Hallam Avenue through the library property out to Stillwater Road. The agreement outlines the City's costs.

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve the Cost Sharing Agreement with Washington County for the Storm Sewer Pipe on the library site. The motion was unanimously passed.

6d. APPROVAL- Drainage and Utility Easement from Washington County for Storm Sewer on Library Site.

Council member Brainerd asked if this is for the same project as previously discussed.

Engineer Sachi stated it is.

City Council member Brainerd moved and City Council member Wolgamot seconded to approve the drainage and utility easement from Washington County for the storm sewer on the library site. The motion was unanimously approved.

6f. APPROVAL-Consideration of Bids and Award Contract for Lake Links and Forest Avenue Trail Projects to Sunram Construction in the amount of \$462,429.00.

Council member Brainerd asked if this project is for two separate trail projects.

Engineer Sachi indicated that we received three bids for the project. He said yes, a portion of the Lake Links Trail from Maple Street to Neptune Street, on the west side of TH 244, which will include a flashing beacon will be completed. Additionally, the northern portion of the trail to the Dellwood City limits will be constructed. The bid also includes the Forest Avenue Streetcar trail from the Roma Restaurant Parking to Fir Street.

Council member Wolgamot stated the entire Lake Links Trail in Mahtomedi will be complete,

6. CONSENT AGENDA-Continued

with the exception of Birchwood Road to the Birchwood City limits with this project. He said that section of the project will be completed in 2020.

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to award a contract to Sunram Construction in the amount of \$462,429.00 for the Lake Links and Forest Avenue Trail Projects. The motion was unanimously approved.

6g. APPROVAL-Hiring of two full-time Firefighter/Paramedics.

City Administrator Neilson said these positions were approved in the 2019 Budget.

Fire Chief Terry Fischer reviewed the hiring process. He said they received nine applications and picked the top two. He is hoping to have them start in early July. He said once their hiring is approved, they will have to complete the psychological exam, a skills test, criminal background check and a physical.

City Council member Wolgamot asked where the staffing sits after these hires.

Fire Chief Fischer said we will have four full-time employees and eighteen paid on-call. He said the new positions will work from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

City Council member Wolgamot moved and City Council member Ledermann seconded the motion to approve the request from the Fire Department to hire Brian Ness and Michael Valento for the two full-time firefighter/paramedics positions. The hiring is contingent upon successful completion of the City's psychological exam, physical and criminal background checks.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None Scheduled

8. STAFF REPORTS

8a. CONSIDER APPROVAL – Bill List.

Council member Wolgamot moved and Council member Deans seconded the motion to approve the bill list as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

9. REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR - None

City Engineer Nick Guilliams gave a construction update on the projects in the City. He said the Echo Lake project is progressing nicely. Phase 1 has been completed, except the final lift of asphalt, Phase 2 has begun and the first layer of asphalt is expected to be put down on

9. REPORT FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Continued

Monday, June 10. Phase 3 will begin in late June. This project is expected to be complete in August.

He said the Historic District Phase 3 project is wrapping up and the punch list items should be done by July. The Briarwood Area project is complete and they are expecting to close this project out in July.

Engineer Sachi said the Birchwood Road/Lost Lake Court project is being moved to 2020. The Bevins Road, Bichner Lane and Talahi Drive project will be talked about in 2020. The Phase 4 of the Historic District preliminary work is ongoing.

City Council member Brainerd asked if a letter explaining the situation could go out to those affected by the Birchwood Road/Lost Lake Court project.

Engineer Sachi said they were waiting to talk to the Council before getting something in the mail. A letter will go out to those residents soon.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Council member Ledermann asked for an update regarding the organics pickup.

City Administrator Neilson said 56 people have applied thus far. He reminded the Council we need 100 to begin the program.

City Council member Brainerd asked City Council member Ledermann for an update on the solar initiative.

City Council member Ledermann said we had the largest sign up in the state with 75 people signing up. He said 25 people have had solar installed so far.

11. CLOSED SESSION-None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Deans moved, and Council member Brainerd seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



JERENE ROGERS, CITY CLERK



JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR