



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Voracek at 6:00 p.m. Councilors Adama Doumbouya, Royal Ross, Peter van Sluis, Tom Spooner and Chuck Thiele were in attendance. Councilor Sara Caron was absent. Also in attendance were City Administrator Tim Murray, City Clerk Heather Slechta, City Engineer Mark DuChene, Public Works Director Travis Block, Human Resources Director Kevin Bushard, Police Chief John Sherwin and City Attorney Scott Riggs.

Presentations/Introductions

Light of Hope Proclamation was read by Mayor Voracek.

Approve minutes of the September 12, 2023 City Council Meeting

Motion by Spooner, seconded by Doumbouya to approve the September 12, 2023 City Council Minutes and carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- A. List of Claims for Release
- B. Resolution 2023-176 Accept Donations to the Parks and Recreation Department
- C. Resolution 2023-177 Approve CROP Hunger Walk Street Closures
- D. Approve LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Catholic United Financial Council 13SS Lawrence/Anne
- E. Resolution 2023-178 Approving Certification of Delinquent Charges for Municipal Airplane Hangar to Property Tax Roll
- F. Resolution 2023-179 Amend Sanitary Sewer System Interconnection Agreement by and between the City of Faribault and the County of Rice
- G. Resolution 2023-180 Approve Street Closure Application for Cry Baby Craig's & 10,000 Drops Bloody Mary Fest
- H. Approve Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement with 10,000 Drops
- I. Resolution 2023-181 Approve Hiring Library Receptionist
- J. Resolution 2023-182 Authorize Execution of a Developer's Platting Agreement with Warn Investment LLC related to the Warner Addition
- K. Resolution 2023-183 Authorize Execution of a Developer's Platting Agreement with Ronald F. Carlsen related to the Ronald F. Carlsen Addition
- L. Resolution 2023-185 Approve Write-off of Uncollectable Rental License Receivable Balances
- M. Accept Quote for Digester Mixer Parts at Water Reclamation Facility

Motion by Ross, seconded by Van Sluis to approve Consent Agenda Items A- M and carried unanimously.

Requests to be Heard – None

Public Hearings

Resolution 2023-184 Order Improvements and Order Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Airtech 2 Street, Utility and Stormwater Improvements - Contract 2022-07

City Engineer Mark DuChene explained that Resolution 2023-184 orders the improvements for the proposed Airtech 2 Street, Utility and Stormwater Improvements project - Contract 2022-07, including removals, watermain extension, sanitary sewer extension, lot services, storm sewer construction, grading, aggregate base, bituminous paving, turf restoration, regional stormwater basin construction and related improvements.

DuChene stated that purpose of the hearing is to take public comment as part of the consideration by the Council in ordering the improvements. If the project is ordered, plans and specifications will be finalized and brought back to Council for approval, along with easement acquisition forms and the request for authorization to advertise for public bids.

Individual meetings were held with each of the property owners impacted by the proposed project. Some of the issues and concerns expressed at the meeting included, the overall cost of the project, determining how much future expansion should be accounted for in the stormwater basin for each of the parcels and the necessity of extension of Airtech Court. DuChene also answered questions about the special assessment process, the rates, timing of the project, as well as the terms.

The preliminary total estimated cost of the improvements, including 10% contingency and 15% engineering, is \$1,400,000.00. Proposed funding for the project is as follows:

Special Assessments	\$1,067,300.00	76.2%
Storm Water Utility Fund (603)	<u>\$ 332,700.00</u>	<u>23.8%</u>
Total	\$ 1,400,000.00	100.0%

The improvements are proposed to be specially assessed per City policy and cost share splits detailed in a previous City memo from 2002/2003.

Since this is a non-petitioned project proposing to levy special assessments against benefiting properties, a minimum 6/7ths vote of the City Council is required to advance the improvements. It is planned to solicit bids on this project this fall/winter and provide a flexible construction start date with final completion in early summer of 2024.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Doumbouya to open the public hearing and carried unanimously. The public hearing was opened at 6:14 pm.

Steve Nordahl and Jack Schwab from Steele Waseca Electric voiced their concerns about curb and gutter being placed on the road, at times they need to drive overweight trucks to the substation. Schwab stated that the area being improved will not be developed, and felt that the gravel and grass could take care of the water. They did ask why the curb and gutter was necessary, DuChene explained that the road is being built to City standards. DuChene further explained that if curb and gutter are not added, that the City would need to add ditches. City Administrator Tim Murray stated that in the 90's when the substation went in, it was the understanding that improvements to the road would be done.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Thiele to close the public hearing and carried unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 6:20 pm.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Thiele to approve Resolution 2023-184 Order Improvements and Order Preparation of Plans and Specifications for Airtech 2 Street, Utility and Stormwater Improvements - Contract 2022-07 and carried unanimously.

Items for Discussion – None

Bids - None

Boards and Commissions Reports, Announcements and Project Updates

The Monthly Financial Report was provided to the Council prior to the meeting as part of the meeting materials.

Mayor Voracek stated that he will be in New Hope this week for the regional Mayor's meeting.

Councilor Ross noted that the Faribault Print Shop open house is on Friday from 9am-12pm.

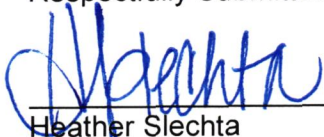
Mayor Voracek stated that there are many events happening on October 7 throughout the City.

Adjournment

Motion by Doumbouya, seconded by van Sluis to adjourn the meeting and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Slechta
City Clerk