

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 5:00 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen and Council Members Mike Fall, Ryan Hennen, Fran Ramler and Doug Schmitz. Absent: none. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Jason Blum, Jon Stueve, Sam Butler, Dan Weber, Donna Lebrun, Grant Dossetto, Jim Schmitz, Jan Schmitz, Dolly Rausch, Michele Hommerding, Gerald Hommerding, Bill Trout, Jason Frank, Derek Hoium, Kevin Stang, Ken Rausch, Gary Overman, Jessica Green, Angie Mueller and Joe Jelovnick.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 13, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – February 28, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mayor Heinen re-opened the public hearing from January 24, 2024 at 5:01 p.m. Jessica Green from Northland Securities presented a re-cap of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and the next steps in the process. Mayor Heinen called three times for public comments, after hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 5:08 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREUNDER. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Seal Coating CSAH 158

Stueve explained that Stearns County Highway Department would be seal coating CSAH 158 and that if the City wanted to have the roadway shoulders done, the cost would be \$19,961.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE CSAH 158 SEAL COATING PROJECT, PARTNERED WITH STEARNS COUNTY, FOR SEAL COATING STREET SHOULDERS FROM RED RIVER AVE TO 14TH AVE AND APPROVE THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE PROJECT OF \$19,961.00, AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE STREET BUDGET LINE ITEM 6611. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Purchase Hanging Flower Baskets

Stueve explained that Thomsens is starting to plant the hanging baskets. Stueve added last year, after some of the baskets were lowered, there was no vandalism to the baskets, therefore this year all of the baskets will be lowered.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 60 HANGING BASKETS FROM THOMPSENS GARDEN CENTER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,635.00, AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE STREET BUDGET LINE ITEM 6411. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Updates

Stueve stated that the Main Street Project for 2025 was discussed with the Rocori Trail Construction Board and they were in favor of the re-alignment of a section of Main Street just east of the Main Street bridge. Stueve stated that the Maintenance Shop drawing is at the architect. He reminded residents to watch for leaks in their toilets and water softeners as the water usage can add up quickly. He stated that he did get rough pricing from MnDOT to re-do the signal lights and it would cost between \$55,000 and \$70,000. Lastly, he said that letters were mailed to businesses about the dirt on the sidewalk.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF SCHMITT PROPERTY

Ken Rausch, resident at 25016 153rd Avenue in Wakefield Township presented his concerns to the Council about the purchase of Arnie Schmitt's property. His concerns included whether there would be apartments built on the land, low income housing, traffic impacts, impacts to the water supply, and the City's ability to purchase a smaller tract than 40 acres. The Council explained that the EDA is only having the property appraised and that there is no purchase agreement at this time. They stated that the intention for the property is additional business park land, which would be zoned commercial. They stated that apartments or single-family residential uses would require a change in zoning, and neighboring properties would be notified. They stated they appreciated Rausch's comments and would take it into consideration if the property is purchased.

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE FOR COLD SPRING CREAMERY

Bill Trout from W. Gohman Construction explained their request for street closures of 1st Street South at periodic times during the first and second phases of the Cold Spring Creamery construction project. Trout explained that extra room would be needed for trucks and cranes when erecting the pre-cast wall and roof panels for the new building. The Council stated their concern about the cranes and equipment causing damage to the brand new street which was re-done just last year. They stated they would like to have a developer agreement in place to hold the construction company responsible for street damages if it were to occur.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, POLICE CHIEF, AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE OF 1ST ST S FROM 3RD AVE TO RED RIVER AVE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN JULY, 2024 AND TWO WEEKS IN AUGUST, 2024, FURTHERMORE THAT THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL CLOSINGS THROUGH MARCH OF 2025, CONTINGENT UPON AN AGREEMENT FOR STREET DAMAGES. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONVEYANCE OF ROCORI TRAIL

Dockendorf explained that each City had approved a respective resolution, but now one uniform resolution is being requested.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05, A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONVEYANCE OF THE ROCORI TRAIL TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. 2025 Main Street Improvements Feasibility Report Preparation

Sam Butler explained that he came up with a rough cost estimate for the project with the added section of 8th Avenue North and Main Street East, which is \$2.6 million. He stated that in order to bond for the cost of the project, 20% of the project costs need to be assessable. He stated there is a good portion of the project that is reclaim only.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FALL, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06, A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE 2025 MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Schedule Public Hearing on Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan

Butler explained that the plan was wrapped up in February and sent to the MPCA. He stated that the next step is conducting the public hearing on the plan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLAN FOR APRIL 10, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Project Updates

Butler stated that the new railing has been installed on the bridge over 5th Avenue North. He added that the same railing will be going on the bridge along 2nd Avenue North too.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Purchase of WRAP Restraint Devices

Chief Blum explained that these devices are used on combatant individuals to provide safety and security to them while being transported.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO WRAP DEVICES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,150.00 AND FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE POLICE BUDGET LINE ITEM 6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Order 2024 Ford Interceptor

Chief Blum explained that Ford is taking orders for squads and that one vehicle purchase was budgeted for 2024. He stated he would like to place the order now with the hopes that the squad may arrive in 2024 or more likely in 2025.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE ORDERING A 2024 FORD INTERCEPTOR AT A COST OF \$43,883.94, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT APPROVAL TO PURCHASE IT WILL BE REQUESTED WHEN THE VEHICLE COMES IN. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Updates

Chief Blum thanked the public for information provided on photos that were posted on Facebook. Also, he stated that Stearns Bank gave a presentation on scams and that it will be broadcast on Rocori TV.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Fire Contract Committee

Dockendorf explained that a Council member would need to be appointed to serve on the committee to negotiate a new contract for Fire Protection Services.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPOINT MAYOR HEINEN, ALONG WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE WITH WAKEFIELD, COLLEGEVILLE, AND LUXUMBERG TOWNSHIPS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Updates

Dockendorf inquired whether the Council would like to participate in the Rocori Expo this year and co-host a booth with the EDA. Mayor Heinen and Councilor Ramler indicated they would work the booth on Saturday, April 20th.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$292,200.73 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$24,474.46 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO ADJOURN AT 6:17 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Kris Dockendorf, City Administrator