

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 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, Pete Daniel, Ken Kraemer and Joe Jelovnick.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Cliff Johnson spoke about an upcoming author event being hosted by the Cold Spring Area Historical Society and about their current exhibit featuring Rocori athletes.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE APRIL 10, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – March 27, 2024 Regular Meeting and March 4, 2024 Special Meeting
- B. Trunk or Treat Street Closure – Close a Portion of 5th Avenue South from Highway 23 to 4th Street South on October 27, 2024 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- C. Saints Peter & Paul Church – Application to Conduct Bingo and a Raffle, Form LG220 – November 9, 2024 at The Great Blue Heron
- D. Resolution No. 2024-10, a Resolution Approving St. Boniface Parish Events for 2024
- E. Resolution No. 2024-09, a Resolution Approving Annual Liquor and Tobacco Licenses

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLAN

Mayor Heinen opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m. Pete Daniel from Stantec presented the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan. He explained the plan to replace aging equipment as some components of the plant are 60 years old. He stated that the plan is also needed as a first step to get funding from the State Revolving Fund Program. He provided an overview of the facility site, explained how the current plant is operating on an expired permit and described the proposed improvements. He also explained possible funding sources for the \$52 million project. Councilor Schmitz stated his concern with the City of Rockville's contribution to the plant and to make sure they are on board with the costs so that design can continue. He also stated that the contingency amount was too high. Ken Kraemer inquired about the location of the equalization tanks and Daniel explained that the current location of the Maintenance shop is needed for the aeration basins as they need to connect on that side of the plant and could not be relocated to the current location of the equalization tanks. Councilor Ramler stated that the City of Rockville does not have many options other than to send their waste to the Cold Spring for treatment. Councilor Hennen inquired whether design changes if needed would decrease the likelihood of being selected for grant funds, and Daniel explained that it would not. Mayor Heinen called three times for additional comments and after seeing and hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLAN. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Sale of 2008 Toro Workman Utility Vehicle

Stueve explained that the sale amount for the Toro was \$600 less than what it was purchased for several years ago.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE 2008 TORO WORKMAN UTILITY VEHICLE TO ROGER BUERMANN FOR \$2,400.00. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

- B. Updates

Stueve explained that he had obtained pricing on a replacement gator which the Council had authorized

spending up to \$7,500 for it. He stated for that price he can get a 2014 model with 400 hours on it. He also obtained pricing for a new one on the State bid at \$10,641, and a 2023 model with a dealer warranty for \$9,400. Council Schmitz stated that even though additional funds would be obtained from the sale of the Toro, he felt the budget amount for the purchase of a gator should still be followed as that is the purpose of establishing a budget.

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY HEINEN, TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT GATOR WITHIN THE \$7,500 BUDGET WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – SCHMITZ AND HEINEN, NAYES – RAMLER, FALL AND HENNEN. MOTION FAILED 2-3.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY HENNEN, TO PURCHASE A 2023 MODEL REPLACEMENT GATOR WITH 100 HOURS ON IT, FOR THE AMOUNT PROPOSED OF \$9,400. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – RAMLER, HENNEN AND FALL, NAYES – SCHMITZ AND HEINEN. MOTION PASSED 3-2.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. 2025 Main Street Improvements O&E Reports

Sam Butler explained that two quotes were obtained to prepare the owners and encumbrances report for the project. He was recommending going with the low bid and explained that O'Malley and Kron have started doing the topo for the project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNEN, SECONDED BY FALL, TO APPROVE STEARNS COUNTY ABSTRACT TO PREPARE THE OWNERS AND ENCUMBRANCES REPORT FOR THE 2025 MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT A COST OF \$5,375.00. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Project Updates

Butler stated that punch list items are remaining for the 2022 and 2023 Improvements Projects. He stated that work has started on the Lift Station #1 Rehabilitation project, with dewatering installed and pumps running 24/7. He stated that some structures will be set the following week with a crane.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Updates

Chief Blum explained that two fraud talks are scheduled at the Assumption Community Campus. He reminded the public that the Sheriff's Office comes to Cold Spring once a month for gun permit applications. He stated that he is applying for a grant up to \$25,000 through MnDOT for traffic enforcement and safety, to purchase a speed trailer. He also stated that the speed truck will be placed around town to help lower traffic speeds. Councilor Ramler requested the speed truck on 3rd Avenue SE and Councilor Fall requested enforcement of jake braking.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Updates

Dockendorf explained that capital bonding bill funding requests have been made for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. She stated that she is hopeful that both the bills will receive a hearing. She stated that the Fire Hall project was also discussed with the local representatives of the legislature. She stated if funding is unsuccessful, in two years during the next bonding cycle, the City could utilize the lobbyists at the contracting attorney's firm for a fee.

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 \$877,330.78 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$22,122.82 AS PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:06 p.m. Mayor Heinen announced that the Council would be moving into a closed session pursuant to Minnesota State Statute Section 13D.05 Subdivision 3(c)(3), to consider an offer to purchase property, specifically parcel identification number 38.23617.0010.

At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Heinen reopened the meeting and announced that discussion was held on the subject property and no action was taken.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY FALL, TO ADJOURN AT 6:31 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

David Heinen, Mayor

Kris Dockendorf, City Administrator