

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen and Council Members Jayme Knapp, Shannon Miller, Doug Schmitz and Gary Theisen. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Brian Lintgen, Katie Riegelman, Wes Smith, Jason Blum and Angie Mueller. Also present by video/phone: Tammy Paczkowski, Jessica Green and Jon Stueve.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY MILLER, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – August 25, 2020

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Katie Riegelman from Austen Group presented the request for a public hearing on proposed tax abatement for a \$75 million expansion project at Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant. She stated the project would consist of various building upgrades including a plant expansion for new processing and packaging equipment. She stated that at least 130 new jobs would be added as a result of the project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT AND SETTING THE HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Crack Sealing Bids

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FOR CRACK SEALING FOR 2020 FROM ASTECH AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$1.82 PER POUND WITH A TOTAL BID OF \$10,000.00. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. Update on County Road 158/1st Street South

Lintgen stated that curbing and paving are complete and black dirt is being installed in the boulevards. He stated that the project is wrapping up and the end is near.

B. Water Treatment Plant Update

Lintgen stated that the design is at the Department of Health for review and that the plans will next be finalized for bidding.

C. Wells No. 8 and 9 Project

Lintgen explained that work on the pipes and controls will begin in October.

D. Sanitary Sewer and Water System Improvements Update

Lintgen stated that work is being finalized on the route since some areas have high bedrock that will need to be avoided.

E. Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Update

Lintgen stated that conceptual design is being wrapped up and modeling continues to be done to predict how the plant will react to certain loads so that changes can be made ahead of time to accommodate the potential variables.

F. Blue Heron Heights 4th Addition Plans Update

Lintgen reported that the plans and specifications are receiving the finishing touches and that a preconstruction meeting is set for next week. He stated that the Council does need to approve the plans since there is a private developer for the development.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Request to Purchase the Equipment for the 2020 Squad Car

Chief Blum stated that the squad car that was ordered in January is still showing as pending in production. He stated he would like to order the rest of the standard equipment for the squad car so that once it's received it can be outfitted for patrol.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SQUAD CAMERA AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2020 SQUAD CAR FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$10,544, FURTHERMORE TO BE PAID OUT OF THE GAMBLING FUND. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Counterfeit Currency

Chief Blum stated that the department has taken two calls recently involving counterfeit currency.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Resolution No. 2020-47, a Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Loan for Advance of Certain Costs in Connection with Construction of a Water Treatment Plant

Murphy explained that although \$4 million in bonding funds for the project have been awarded to the City, a funding source needs to be identified for the excess costs over the bonding appropriation. She stated that an interfund loan will be established in the amount of \$2,293,639.00 with funds from the Sewer Fund to the Water Fund, to cover the total estimated cost for the project which is \$6,293,639.00.

MOTION WAS MADE BY KNAPP, SECONDED BY MILLER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR ADVANCE OF CERTAIN COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TREATMENT PLANT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Assessment Hearing Date for CSAH 158/1st Street South Project

Murphy inquired whether the Council would want to hold the hearing during a regular meeting or if a special meeting would be preferred to hold the assessment hearing for the project. The Council agreed by general consensus to hold the hearing at the regular meeting date on October 27, 2020.

C. CARES Act Funds

Murphy stated that twenty applications had been received from local businesses for the CARES Act Funds. She stated that Stearns County had changed some of the criteria on the application forms without letting the cities know about it, so the applications will need some extra review. She stated that almost everyone should get the funds they have requested through the application process.

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHMITZ, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO REVIEW AND ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$1,074,062.69 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$35,552.34 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADJOURN AT 6:50 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.