

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
February 25, 2008

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Members present, Kurt Olson, Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Brad Ringnell, Carroll Behne. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Sack Thongvanh, Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff, City Attorney Jim Wilson, City Engineer Greg Mitchell and Financial Advisor Shannon Sweeney.

Motion by Poirot to approve the agenda, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes of the February 4 and February 11 council meetings as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Poirot, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Admin report:

- A third quote for Community Hall floor repairs is expected soon.
- Water main break occurred on Fox Lake Avenue February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Work session is planned for March 3<sup>rd</sup> following the council meeting.

Motion by Ringnell to recess until 5:30 p.m., second by Poirot, carried.

A public hearing was duly called to order at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed improvements of West Fifth Street with affected property owners. Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk explained the process that is required by MN Statute 429, from project initiation to the final assessment hearing. He discussed the existing conditions of the aged 49' wide street, including the distress of the streets and poor condition of catch basins, drainage and water mains.

Proposed improvements include 9T design to accommodate bus and truck traffic, 12"-18" concrete storm sewer with 4" underdrains to prevent subsurface moisture, and a 6" water main upgrade. These improvements are designed to provide better drainage, a 25 to 30-year street life and more than 50-year infrastructure life.

Based on recent previous area projects, cost estimates are anticipated at \$377,470 with a requirement that a minimum of 20% be directly assessed. According to the local improvement policy, the assessable portion of this project stands at 33%, or \$124,330. Mr. Mitchell presented a timeline schedule with an anticipated completion date of August 16, 2008.

At this time, the floor was opened to questions from five of the affected property owners in attendance. It was explained that driveway slopes would be minimized for improved drainage, and the alley entrance would also be cut down and overlaid with bituminous material. City Attorney Jim Wilson reminded all present that these costs were indeed estimates, and agreed that the rising fuel costs would likely drive the costs of materials. Financial Advisor Shannon Sweeney responded to a question regarding the annual property tax assessment at 6% over fifteen years; Mr. Wilson explained that the property owners do have the opportunity to pay the entire assessment without interest within a certain period of time. In response to a question concerning the narrow width of the road and the inability of fire trucks to pass through, the citizen was assured by Councilor Ringnell that this has never been a problem for emergency vehicles. Mayor Roesler further responded that MCW plans to address haphazard parking issues will provide additional width.

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Motion by Ringnell to close the meeting to questions from the floor, second by Poirot, carried. Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2008-5 Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans, second by Behne. Olson, yea; Roesler, yea; Poirot, yea; Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea. Resolution 2008-5 approved.

Motion by Behne to close the Public Hearing, second by Poirot, carried.

The regular council meeting was reconvened, and a motion was made by Poirot to reschedule the time of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting to 5:00 to be followed by a workshop session, second by Ringnell, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk