

State of Minnesota
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur
City of New Prague

} City Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2009

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Bender, Bartusek, Betterton, Guerrette. Absent Wilcox.

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Dennis Seurer, Renee Christianson, Ken Norland and Mary Jo Hruby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Bender opened the Public Hearing for the 2010-2021 Capital Improvement Plan for Street and Utility Improvements.

Chris Cavett from SEH gave an overview of the proposed 2010-2021 Capital Improvement Plan for street and utility improvements. The purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan is to identify and prioritize the necessary utility and street improvements for purposes of capital budget planning and communicating proposed construction plan schedules to the public.

There were no questions or comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 P.M.

It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Betterton to approve RESOLUTION #09-10-19-01 RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF NEW PRAGUE 2010-2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR UTILITY AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

All voted in favor of the motion except Wilcox who was absent.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer reviewed the proposal from SEH to provide engineering services for the development of a comprehensive storm water management plan for the "City Center" area. The purpose of the plan would be to outline future upgrades to the City's storm water system. Since several areas within the Capital Improvement Plan have experienced flooding in the past, it would be prudent to complete a comprehensive plan before design of annual street reconstruction projects begin to ensure that storm water improvements are done in a coordinated, cost effective manner. The funding for this will come from the Storm Water Utility Fund 606 and will be a budget item for 2010.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Guerrette to approve agreement with SEH for "City Center" Comprehensive Storm water Management Plan at a not to exceed cost of \$16,500. All voted in favor of the motion except Wilcox who was absent.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer reviewed the proposal from SEH to provide engineering services for the preliminary design and planning for the 2nd Street NW box culvert and

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railroad crossing. Since there is potential bridge bonding funding available through the State Aid Street Program, it is also necessary to plan bridge replacements well in advance of the related street project. The funding for this will be paid in advance from the Capital Improvement Fund 499 to the 2nd St. NW CIP Project and will be a budget item for 2010.

It was moved by Betterton and seconded by Bartusek to approve the SEH proposal to provide engineering services for the preliminary design and planning of the 2nd Street NW box culvert and RR crossing at a not to exceed cost of \$31,300. All voted in favor of the motion except Wilcox who was absent.

City Planner Renee Christianson introduced the two SCALE representatives Lisa Freese from Scott County Public Works and Tom Terry City Administrator from Elko New Market. Ms Freese talked about SCALE (Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency) and asked for the Council's consideration for adoption of the Charter. SCALE is made up of elected officials from the Cities, County and Townships to work together to strengthen leadership and partnership within the region and to reduce cost of government overall in how they work together. Mr. Terry reviewed the charter and mission of SCALE. He identified several strategic initiatives with Economic Development being a priority long term goal for SCALE.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Betterton to approve RESOLUTION #09-10-19-02 RESOLUTION OF THE NEW PRAGUE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE SCOTT COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT UNIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN CHARTER. All voted in favor of the motion except Wilcox who was absent.

Mayor Bender opened the Public Hearing at 7:57 P.M. on the reversal of one-way traffic on the 100 Block of 1st Street NE.

City Planner Renee Christianson reviewed with the Council the introduction and 1st Reading of the Ordinance on the reversal of one-way traffic on the 100 Block of 1st Street NE. As traffic on Main Street continues to increase, staff has noticed that many vehicles traveling south on Central Av. are cutting through the alley in order to get over to the traffic signal at Main St. and 1st Av. NE. Alleys are not designed to handle through traffic.

Several residents stated their opposition to the reversal of the one-way.

David McCallister, 112 1st St. NE,
- opposed because people are used to it being this one

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way. Changing it will cause traffic violations making it dangerous.

Barb Walbridge, 201 1st Av. NE,

- opposed because it has always been the same one way and she does not want headlights coming into her house day after day.

Wade Fradenburgh, 110 1st St. NE,

- opposed, he watched the traffic in the alley and said it was businesses going in and out.

Elizabeth Ransom, 111 1st St. NE,

- opposed because vehicles can use the street north ½ block and that leaves this street safe. If the commercial building sells, there will be much more traffic.

Jason Steffl, 106 1st St. NE,

- opposed because not regulating the alley is not going to change the traffic flow that goes down it.

City Administrator Mike Johnson stated one of the jobs and responsibilities of the City Staff is that periodically over time as changes occur in the City and the City sees difference in traffic patterns or businesses closing, it is the City's responsibility to examine it and potentially put forward proposed changes to the Council. The Public Hearing is held for the Council to hear the residents comments.

Ken Betterton stated he is not convinced that the direction of the one way is the impact of the traffic in the alley and suggested there may be other things to look at in reducing traffic in the alley.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Guerrette to introduce the Ordinance on the reversal of one-way traffic on the 100 Block of 1st Street NE. Staff is to do further study on what type of traffic is going through the alley and report back at the November 16th City Council meeting. If the weather does not permit to do traffic counts, it will be done in the Spring. Bartusek, Guerrette, and Bender voted in favor of the motion. Betterton opposed. Wilcox was absent.

New Prague Golf Club General Manager Ken Norland reviewed the Golf Club funding request. Given current and 4th quarter vendor payable, payroll and a November 1 bond payment, the club will need a general fund transfer in short order to satisfy these obligations. There will be an opportunity to look at the Golf Club analysis with Springsted on Thursday, October 22nd.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Betterton to approve funding of \$100,000 to the Golf Club. All voted in favor of the motion except Wilcox who was absent.

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Planning Director Ken Ondich reported that the Planning Department's large format printer (plotter) unexpectedly broke. Rather than paying \$1,000.00 to fix the printer, it is recommended that a better long term solution for the City would be to purchase a new printer for \$2,195. He requested to amend the budget to re-allocate \$2,500 from Supplies to Capital Outlay for the purchase of a replacement large format printer.

It was moved by Betterton and seconded by Bartusek to amend the Planning Department Budget to re-allocate \$2,500 from Supplies to the Capital Outlay for the purchase of a replacement large format printer (plotter). All voted in favor of the motion, except Wilcox who was absent.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the BevComm agreement for telephone services. City Staff met with BevComm representatives to review telephone service and costs of service. It was discovered that there was a tariff change on August 1, 2009 that will allow the City to modify their telephone rates. In order to obtain the rates in the new schedule, the City has to re-execute a new agreement with BevComm for 60 months.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Guerrette to approve the agreement for telephone service with BevComm. All voted in favor of the motion except Wilcox who was absent.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Betterton to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment.
- C. Approve monthly financials.

All voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

W. A. Bender, Mayor
City of New Prague

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator