

State of Minnesota
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur
City of New Prague }
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City Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2009

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planning Director Ken Ondich updated the Council on the CapX 2020 project and the City's involvement on the Advisory Task Force for the routing of the CapX2020 line. Both the preferred and alternate routes do not have an immediate negative effect on City services. The reason for this is because the proposed routes are located outside of current City limits and outside or at the edge of the growth boundary which would potentially not affect future City services for nearly 20 years.

The unanimous suggestion that came from the Advisory Task Force was a new alternative route that would start near Brookings, head south along Interstate 29 to Interstate 90, follow Interstate 90 to the east, north along Highway 56 to Dodge Center and finally a leg heading north to Hampton or continuing east to LaCrosse

Up to this point the Council has not supported one particular route over another. The Council has the following options: (1) Take no action. (2) Opposing both routes and suggesting a new alternative route. (3) Opposing the Scott County route. (4) Opposing the Le Sueur County route.

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Guerrette to adopt RESOLUTION #09-04-20-01 RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PREFERRED AND ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR THE CAPX2020 TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDING A NEW ALTERNATE ROUTE. All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich presented an overview of the property tax and special assessment summary for the property owned by the EDA and the City of New Prague for the Emergency Services Building project. In order to file the plat for New Prague Business Park 10th Addition the taxes and special assessments are required to be paid. The City of New Prague taxes are \$10,532.90 and the special assessment is \$31,859.00. Payment of the taxes and special assessment would be paid out of the Emergency Services Building Project.

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It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Bartusek to approve the payment of the 2009 property taxes and special assessments that are attributable to the Emergency Services Building Project out of the Emergency Services Building fund. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the request form from the City's insurance agent concerning a liability coverage waiver form with the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. The City Attorney reviewed the liability coverage waiver form and recommended the City Council not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes Section 466.04.

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Bartusek to not waive the statutory tort limits. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the proposal from S E H to provide engineering services for the City of New Prague Municipal State Aid Street System.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Wilcox to approve Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (S E H) - Chris Cavette, to act as MSAS Engineer. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed with the Council the firms that provided financial advisory services and various financial analytical models and studies/reports over recent years. It is believed that there is a need to consolidate the various financial planning and advisory services under one firm. It is recommended that Springsted, Inc. be appointed as the City's financial advisor and authorize approval of agreement for continuing disclosure and rebate requirements. Springsted Inc. is an independent financial advisory firm and an extremely well respected national firm in the financial community. Terri Heaton, Senior Vice President, Springsted Inc. introduced herself and reviewed her background experiences.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Guerrette to appoint Springsted, Inc. as the City financial advisor and authorize approval of agreement for continuing disclosure and rebate requirements. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer recommended the Council establish a workshop session with the City Council and Utility Commission to allow SMMPA staff the opportunity to explain the need for the extension of the power sales contract for an additional 20 years.

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Consensus of the Council was to schedule a workshop session for Monday, May 18th at 6:00.

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

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment.
- C. Approve monthly financials.
- D. Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for exempt permit for the National Wild Turkey Federation Sand Creek Gray Beards on June 13, 2009 at the Flipside Pub & Grill.

All voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Director Ken Ondich informed the Council of an Open House scheduled for the TH19/11th Av NW roundabout project. The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, April 30th from 4-6 at the Emergency Services Building.

It was moved by Guerrette to adjourn the meeting at 8:18P.M.

W. A. Bender, Mayor
City of New Prague

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator