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Special City Council Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2020

Conducted via GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which is preventing attendance at the regular meeting location.

Mayor Nickolay called the online meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Nickolay, Bass, Ryan, Seiler, and Wolf.

Staff Present Online: Mike Johnson, Ken Ondich, Jim Gareis, Patty Solheid, Glen Sticha, and Barb Ulschmid

Others Present Online: City Engineer Chris Cavett

Motion by Seiler, seconded by Nickolay to approve the Agenda.

City Engineer Chris Cavett provided the final update of the year to the City Council on the TH#19/Main Street Reconstruction Project (2020 CIP). Mr. Cavett explained that due to early snowevents on October 19th, 21st and 24th as well as unusually cold temperatures beginning October 19th, the sidewalk work along Main Street could not be completed the week of October 19th as scheduled. Based on the long-term forecast and unfavorable concrete curing condition, MnDOT, SEH, City Staff and the Contractor all agreed that it was in the best interest of the project to subsequently suspend all remaining concrete sidewalk paving operations for the 2020 construction season. The suspension of sidewalk placement has resulted in the need to place a temporary seasonal hard surface (bituminous) along segments of the roadway and in front of businesses to maintain pedestrian access in the area.

Mr. Cavett also explained the need to modify the existing contract by adding an additional \$6,090.00 via Change Order No. 7 and a resolution. The material cost and labor to prepare the Temporary Pedestrian Access Route (T-PAR) between 2nd Ave. N.W. and TH 21 was not in the scope of the project as bid. Therefore, a change order is needed to provide the required ADA accessible walking surface within the newly constructed portion of TH 19 from 2nd Ave. N.W. to the junction with Th 21. The scope of the work has been negotiated with the contractor and agreed to by SEH, City Staff and MnDOT Staff. MnDOT has also agreed to cover the costs for this work. There is NO city cost participation in this change order.

After discussion, it was moved by Seiler, seconded by Bass to approve *RESOLUTION #20-11-02-01 TH #19/ MAIN STREET 2020 CIP RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DIRECTING MODIFICATION OF EXISTING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 7.* By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Planning/Community Development Director Ken Ondich requested approval of a resolution covering a variance request presented at the August 26, 2020 Planning Commission meeting where it was unanimously approved. The applicants, Matthew and Mindi Sticha living at 304 1st Street SE, are proposing to construct a 10' x 24' detached garage addition onto an existing garage. The existing garage sits 3' from the alley instead of the current ordinance requirement of 10'. Because the garage addition would

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line up with the existing garage, a variance is necessary to be acknowledged to allow the expansion to occur at less than the 10' setback requirement. It was noted that while there would be room on the lot to expand to the east, it would use up more of the open space in the backyard and would not allow the applicants to utilize an existing concrete slab off the south side of the garage for the expansion. There were no public comments received on this agenda item.

After discussion, motion by Nickolay, seconded by Bass to approve *RESOLUTION 20-11-02-02 APPROVING VARIANCE (#V10-2020) FROM THE ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SETBACKS IN THE RL-70 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW A DETACHED GARAGE ADDITION TO BE LOCATED 3' TO THE ALLEY INSTEAD OF 10', LOCATED AT 304 1ST STREET SE, AS PROPOSED BY MATTHEW AND MINDI STICHA, NEW PRAGUE, MN.* By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Planning/Community Development Director Ondich reminded the Council of the upcoming election being held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Following the election, the City Council is required to meet and canvas the November 3, 2020 election results. After the state lawsuit from last week, the Secretary of State clarified today that the Council can't canvas the results during the regular time frame which would have been November 6th through November 13th. Instead, due to the processing of many ballots, the results can't be canvassed until November 12th or November 13th.

City Staff and Council all agreed for a Special Meeting to be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. which will be conducted online via GoToMeeting. Staff will prepare a memo and resolution for canvassing the results once the finals results are received from each county. This year the canvassing is for the Mayor's seat and the two vacant City Council seats.

Emergency Management Director (EMD) Jim Gareis provided the Council with a COVID-19 update. Numbers in each county are going up with the cold and flu season. Encouraged all to be safe and use PPE where required. Shared details on State meeting that took place earlier today, no talk on State shutdown yet. Legislature will meet next week sometime to get the Governor's Executive order extended another 30 days.

Councilmember Bass had some questions on several line items within Accounts Payable. After discussion, it was moved by Ryan, seconded by Seiler to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. October 19, 2020 and October 21, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Claims for Payment - November 2, 2020

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- C. Approve MN Lawful Gambling LG220 for Exempt Permit for St. Patrick Athletic Association for a Raffle and Pull-Tabs Event on January 29, 2021 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 411 4th Avenue SW, New Prague.
- D. Approve MN Lawful Gambling LG220 for Exempt Permit for the Church of St. Wenceslaus for a Raffle Event on January 27, 2021 at the Church of St. Wenceslaus, 215 Main St E., New Prague.
- E. Approve LG220 MN Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Ride 2 Remember for a Raffle Event on March 7, 2021 at the Felske Residence, 1100 Olivia Street SE., New Prague.

By roll call vote, all voted in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Miscellaneous Items:

Maggie Bass - Provided an update on the topics of discussion that took place at last week's League of MN Cities meeting with Scott County Officials in Shakopee.

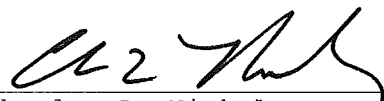
Mike Johnson - Received notice from Health Partners that there will be a premium credit that will be applied to the City's medical coverage in December 2020 for those members on the health plan. Could be up to a 25% premium credit per employee due to the COVID quarantine and the low number of claims coming in for 2020.

There being no additional business, motion by Nickolay, seconded by Seiler to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:27 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

ATTEST:



 Michael J. Johnson
 City Administrator



 Charles L. Nickolay
 Mayor

