

# City Council Proceedings

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



City Council Meeting  
Monday, July 15, 2013

Mayor Nickolay called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Nickolay, Bartusek, Bruzek, Ryan and Scripture

Staff Present: Mike Johnson and Mary Jo Hruby

City Engineer Chris Cavett was also present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Nickolay amended the Agenda by removing Agenda Item #4 - *Resolution to Enter into a Master Partnership Agreement with MNDOT*. City Attorney Scott Riggs looked it over but there are some liability and responsibility sections that he wants clarified with MNDOT before approving.

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bruzek to approve the amended agenda. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

City Engineer Chris Cavett reviewed the five (5) quotes received for the City Hall Landscape Improvement Project. The low quotation was submitted by D & J Landscaping in the amount of \$22,623.00. Contact was made with three references and all had very positive complements of D&J Landscaping and their work.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Bruzek to approve RESOLUTION #13-07-15-01 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT QUOTATIONS and awarding bid to the low bidder D & J Landscaping. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

City Engineer Chris Cavett presented a Resolution ordering preparation of the feasibility report for the 2014 Street and Utility Improvement Project which includes the following:

- Third Street NW, from Railroad to Columbus Ave. N
- Church Avenue NE, from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE to 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE
- First Avenue NE, from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE to 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE
- School Street NE, from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE to Alley east of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.
- Alley east of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, from School St. NE to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE

City Engineer Chris Cavett also presented an Agreement from SEH to provide professional services to conduct the feasibility phase of the proposed 2014 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Ryan to approve RESOLUTION #13-07-15-02 RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT FOR 2014 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

It was moved by Nickolay and seconded by Bartusek to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with SEH Engineering Inc. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

City Administrator Johnson presented the request from the Scott County Assessor's Department on an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement

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with Scott County for the assessment of properties in New Prague. Scott County is attempting to address a backlog of pending tax court cases, many of which involve multiple assessment years. The County is asking the City to consider amending the Joint Powers Agreement in an effort to address these tax court appeals and protect the tax base/property valuations for Cities/Schools/County. It was the consensus of the Scott County Administrator's group that a shared collaborative arrangement with Scott County for additional shared assessing costs versus individual City billings was the preferred alternative. The current 2012-2014 Agreement with Scott County has been and is now proposed to be as follows: 2012 - \$22,600, 2013 - \$22,600 proposed to be \$24,600 and 2014 - \$22,600 proposed to be \$27,000.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Bruzek to approve the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with Scott County for the assessment of property. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

It was moved by Scripture and seconded by Bartusek 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 LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for New Prague Gymnastics Club on May 8, 2014 at 200 12<sup>th</sup> St. NE, New Prague, Minnesota

All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Additional items included questioning the status of the ALCO property cleanup; another accident with vehicle fire at CR89/CR164 intersection with Highway 19 and confirming letters sent to Scott County and the State Representatives for inclusion of this area in the 2014-2023 Transportation Improvement Program; the progress of the Slavik donation of the upgrade to the 7<sup>th</sup> hole tee box; and Cedar Lake Sanitary Sewer District meeting on Thursday.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Ryan to go into closed session at 8:08 p.m. per MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3 (C) to discuss real property located at 107 East Main Street at 8:08 p.m.

The Council came out of closed session at 8:32 p.m.

It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Bartusek to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

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Charles L. Nickolay, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael J. Johnson  
City Administrator