

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

} City Council Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2011

Mayor Nickolay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Nickolay, Bartusek, Bruzek, Guerrette, Ryan.

Staff Present: Ken Ondich, Dennis Seurer, Mark Vosejпка, Mary Jo Hruby

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planning Director Ondich gave a brief overview of the New Prague Trail Use Survey results. The final action item from the City's participation in the Statewide Health Improvement Program (S.H.I.P.) was the completion of an online survey regarding the use of the City's trail system. The survey was posted online from May 11, 2011 through September 5, 2011. It was advertised in the City Newsletter, the City's Website and also on the City's Facebook page. A total of 64 responses were received. It was generally good feedback and people like the trail system. The Park Board continues to work on making loops and connections to complete it.

City Engineer Chris Cavett, SEH reviewed the 2011 Street and Utility Improvement Project Resolution Declaring Cost to be Assessed, Ordering Preparation of Assessment Roll, and Ordering Hearing on Proposed Assessment. The proposed assessments cover the improvements to the following streets, known as Schedule A (Residential Areas):

5th Street NW from 2nd Avenue NW to 1st Avenue NW
4th Street NW from 2nd Avenue NW to 1st Avenue NW
4th Street NE from Central Avenue North to Columbus Avenue North
1st Avenue NW from 3rd Street NW to 5th Street NW
Central Avenue North from 3rd Street NW to 7th Street NW

The proposed assessments also cover the improvements to Schedule B (Middle School Bus Road/CSAH 37). 100 percent of the Schedule B costs shall be assessed to IDS 721 parcels 24-0020700 and 24-0020710 per the agreement between the City and ISD 721. The Schedule C (Box Culvert) at 2nd Street NW has no proposed assessments.

The assessment hearing is proposed to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2011. Notices of the assessment hearing will be published in the New Prague Times and mailed to the affected property owners.

It was moved by Bruzek and seconded by Guerrette to approve RESOLUTION #11-09-19-01 RESOLUTION DECLARING COST TO BE ASSESSED, ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT AND CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Police Chief Vosejпка reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement for Prosecution Services. This joint partnership is a collaboration among the Scott County cities of Belle Plaine, Jordan, Elko-New Market, Savage, Prior Lake and Shakopee for criminal prosecution

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services. The City Attorney's office has reviewed the Agreement and is recommending execution by the Council.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Ryan to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Prosecution Services. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Public Works Director Seurer presented the proposals from Braun Intertec and American Engineering Testing Inc. to perform geotechnical evaluations (soil borings) for the proposed 2012 Street and Utility Reconstruction Project and the Mill Pond Site Project. The purpose of the work is to explore the subsurface conditions of the sites to assist the City in the planning and construction phases of the proposed street reconstruct project. The low bidder is Braun Intertec at a lump sum fee of \$6,400.

It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Bruzek to award the geotechnical services for the proposed 2012 Street Reconstruction Project and the Mill Pond site improvements to the low bidder which is Braun Intertec. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Bruzek to approve the following consent agenda items with the stipulation of an answer on how the legal bills will get reimbursed for the Community Center:

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment
- C. Approve monthly financial
- D. Approve Church of St. Wenceslaus Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 application for Exempt permit for December 30, 2011

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

Police Chief Vosejпка informed the Council of the request from St. Wenceslaus School for closure of Church Street on October 1, 2011 from 8:30 - 11:00 for the St. Wenceslaus School Marathon

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Ryan to approve the road closure of Church Street for the St. Wenceslaus School Marathon on October 1, 2011 from 8:30 - 11:00. All voted in favor of the motion. (5-0)

Council Member Bruzek suggested updating the Board & Commission policy to include that members should be committed to attend the meetings and if they miss a number of meetings per year they are off the Board or Commission. This will be looked into along with the date for accepting applications for the Boards & Commissions.

Public Works Director Seurer addressed the following storm water issues raised by Wilfred Mahowald who resides at 702 1st Av. SE.

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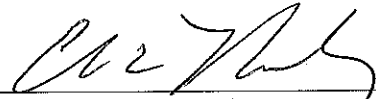
Mr. Mahowald requested the City extend culverts past the building site. In order for that to happen a storm water study of all the affected area up stream would need to be completed. The study and installation of a box culvert is quite costly and would be difficult to justify for the City to pay for the cost.

Another issue was the silt and sand that has congregated in front of one of the outlet structures. The City Staff will take care of removing the sediment this fall. The area in question is an easement but it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain.

Mr. Mahowald's other concern was the tall grasses and weeds that bordered the ditch area. The tall grasses assist in "filtering" the water before it reaches the creeks and rivers. The City will monitor it for noxious weeds just like every other storm water area in the City. This storm water drainage area is part of the City's overall storm water system and it is under the City's responsibility to maintain.

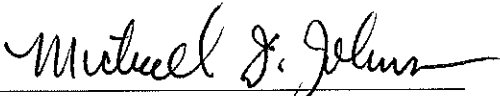
Mr. Mahowald's other issue was the safety of pedestrians. The ditch area is quite visible and in the evening hours there is a street light directly adjacent to the affected area.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Bruzek to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.



Charles L. Nickolay
Mayor, City of New Prague

ATTEST:



Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator

