

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Work Session was duly held in the City Council Chambers at 9:07 a.m. on the 14th day of January, 2011. The following members were present: Mayor Diane Barrett, Council members Fred Barsness, Richard Nielsen, Bryan Haugen, and Brian Paulson. Also present: City Administrator Chris Heineman, City Engineer Joe Palen, Todd Arlander, Tom Dye, Nancy Hanzlik from Bonestroo, and Administrative Assistant Pam Blow.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

According to Palen, Bonestroo spoke with the MPCA regarding their determination that we stop using the equalization pond. The MPCA has indicated that they would allow us to develop a plan for improving the pond and addressing inflow and infiltration (I & I) issues. Steve Baalson, Arlander, Dye and Heineman looked at the WWTP recently to determine and prioritize repairs and improvements that are needed at the plant. Dye presented the items that need to be addressed over the next one to five years for the WWTP and the equalization pond. Arlander noted that from an operational standpoint, some equipment at the WWTP needs replacing. Palen noted the process for PFA funding, and said the next step is to do a feasibility study or a facilities plan (required for PFA funding), to get a more definite cost analysis based upon the recommended improvements and to prioritize those same improvements. Baalson suggested that addressing I & I issues should come first to improve the amount of runoff that goes to the WWTP. Palen noted that smoke testing can be used to determine obvious I & I issues that can be improved quite easily; i.e. leaking pipes, joints, catch basins and roof drains. Heineman noted that two bonds have recently been paid off in the sanitary sewer fund, and the City can afford to take on additional long-term debt if needed. Palen was instructed to do a preliminary ranking of the identified improvements to be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

Highway 56 and 60 Proposed Reconstruction

According to Palen, federal funding is available to reconstruct part of Hwy. 56 / 60 as a part of the MN DoT project in 2012. Nancy Hanzlik presented preliminary cost estimates for the complete reconstruction of this area commencing at Home Street and ending at Red Wing Avenue. This reconstruction would include replacing the water, sewer and storm sewer utilities. Goodhue County may participate for their portion of CSAH 12, but that is yet to be determined. Because this is a federally-funded project, the engineering requirements are extensive, and could amount to \$101,000. These fees would not be deferred, but would be paid during 2011. Bonestroo will present a more detailed cost analysis at a special council meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 5 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Pam Blow, Administrative Assistant

Diane Barrett, Mayor