

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council Chambers at 9:04 a.m. on the 11th day of March 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, Engineer Joe Palen, City Attorney Scott Riggs, and Administrative Assistant Pam Blow.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

AGENDA

Addition / VIII / Legal / A / 1 / Resolution 2011-08: A Resolution Approving Participation in the Brookings – Twin Cities Transmission Project. Motion by Barsness, seconded by Haugen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Barrett requested that the payment to Kennedy and Graven be removed from the payment of claims for further discussion. Motion by Haugen, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers 54521 through 54639 (except 54611 for Kennedy and Graven); 1464E through 1482E; and additional checks 54640 through 54646. Motion carried 5-0-0.

ENGINEERING

Project Priority List (PPL) Application

Heineman and Palen discussed the PPL application subsequent to the last special council meeting. Palen noted that this application is good for several years, and would show the MPCA that the City is pursuing funding options for required improvements. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Barsness to approve the PPL application. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Update on TH 56/60 Reconstruction Project

Palen outlined some of the design issues that have come about, including sidewalks being ADA compliant, break-away street lights, power pole and B.P. gas station sign in the ROW area, and street signage. The power pole for the flashing red light may be able to be eliminated by using another type of signal for the four-way stop at this intersection. According to Palen, all the street signs in the City must be updated to federal standards by 2018. Determining the right-of-way for the project has been a challenge, but things are moving forward to submit plans as scheduled. Riggs noted that council should consider passing a resolution for paying the 2011 engineering costs of this project for possible reimbursement through bonding or some other financing plan in 2012.

Resolution 2011-07: Approving Cost Participation in the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) T.H. 56 Project

Motion by Paulson, seconded by Haugen to approve Resolution 2011-07. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Proposals for Asbestos & Hazardous Material Inspection of old Kenyon High School

Field Environmental Consulting and Legend Technical Services responded to the request for proposals, and both firms are familiar to Bonestroo. Heineman noted that we will need the evaluations for abatement costs moving forward with determining whether the City will continue to pursue title for the old Kenyon High School. Paulson noted that he would support this cost being paid from EDA funds, and this evaluation should be done as soon as possible. Motion by Paulson, seconded by Nielsen to accept the proposal from Field Environmental in the amount of \$9,980. Motion carried 5-0-0.

LEGAL

CMMPA CapX Agreement

Riggs noted that the percentage of ownership share is unknown at this time because of probable limitations by Xcel energy; however the agreement is good in its current form. Riggs further noted that we would be purchasing an asset, and it could be sold in the future. Nielsen noted that this investment should show a twenty-three percent return, and to have revenue from the use of transmission lines is way of offsetting the cost of power. Heineman noted that joining into this agreement would not impact the utility being able to get an electric revenue bond in the future.

Resolution 2011-08: A Resolution Approving Participation in the Brookings – Twin Cities Transmission Project

Riggs recommended that some revisions be made to Section 4 of this agreement, and he will forward the revised resolution for signature. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Paulson to approve Resolution 2011-08, with the participation amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and subject to staff revision to the resolution. Motion carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Rose Fest Street Dance

According to Riggs, a Municipal Liquor Store can hire entertainment (bands) according to statute, and he will compose a resolution to set costs and liability issues for approval at the next meeting. Heineman noted that a structure will be implemented for future events due to the change of having the Rose Fest and Carriage and Cutter parade operating under the City of Kenyon.

Administrative Policy #20: Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Policy

Heineman noted that there was not a previous written policy. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Haugen to approve Administrative Policy #20, with a change from three to four years for jetting frequency and the proviso that this policy applies to lines owned by the City of Kenyon. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Idling Policy for City-Owned Vehicles

Paulson noted that certain vehicles have to idle during cold weather for safety reasons. This item was tabled for discussion at a work session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

City / County / Tribal Meeting: Tuesday, March 29th @ 5 p.m. in Goodhue

City Council Work Session: Friday, March 25th @ 9 a.m.

Board of Equalization: Tuesday, April 12th @ 6 p.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th @ 7 p.m.

Goodhue County Board: Tuesday, May 3rd @ 9 a.m. in Kenyon

COMMENTS

Heineman noted that the transition from North Ambulance to Kenyon First Responders of all equipment and radios is progressing, and he will make sure that they transfer good, usable items.

Motion by Haugen, seconded by Barsness to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Pam Blow, Administrative Assistant

Diane Barrett, Mayor