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DATE : November 2, 2020
TIME STARTED : 7:01 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:00 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Carr, Rog, Giefer, Schafer and Mayor Huber
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Dave Snyder; City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze; and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one was present for public input.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Schafer moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

October 6, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
October 2020 Bill List, \$117,483.95	Approved
WSB Contract Renewal	Approved
SHC Contract Renewal	Approved
Video Tech Contract Renewal	Approved
Northwest Asphalt, Pay Voucher #1, \$604,895.57	Approved

Council Member Schafer moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

1 **STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

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3 **City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck**

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5 **PUBLIC HEARING, Consideration of Resolution No. 2020-45, Certifying Special Assessments**
6 **for the Joliet Avenue and Woodland Acres Street Project** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised the
7 City is required to conduct a public hearing and adopt resolution accepting the final assessment roll
8 for the Joliet Ave and Woodland Acres Street Improvement Project.

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10 City Engineer Reifsteck reviewed the following:

- 11 1. The City Council received the feasibility report at the September 3rd, 2019 regular council
- 12 meeting.
- 13 2. The City Council ordered the public improvement for the project following a noticed
- 14 public hearing at the June 1st, 2020 regular council meeting.
- 15 3. The City Council approved the Plans and Specifications and Ordered the Advertisement
- 16 for Bids on July 7, 2020 regular council meeting. Bids were received on August 6th, 2020.
- 17 4. The lowest responsible bid along with indirect costs, including Legal, Engineering and
- 18 Administrative costs, amount to a total project cost of \$798,028. The City has budgeted
- 19 and is contributing \$77,458 to the Project.
- 20 5. The improvements are anticipated to be funded by special assessments to benefitting
- 21 properties, in accordance with the Assessment Policy, adopted by City Council.
- 22 6. Total benefit amount to be assessed is \$720,570. There are 93 total buildable units. The
- 23 assessment per buildable unit is \$7,748.06.
- 24 7. Assessments are proposed to be paid in equal annual installments over 15 years for single
- 25 family residential property, beginning in January 2021 with an annual interest rate of 4.50
- 26 percent per annum.
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29 The assessment may be paid in whole with no interest charged if the entire assessment is paid within
30 30 days of the adoption of the assessment.

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32 **Council Member Rog moved to open the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Council Member Giefer**
33 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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35 Ms. Nancy Lorentson stated the park in Woodland Acres is taxed as a park and owned by a non-profit
36 group. It will never be built on so it should not be assessed.

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38 Ms. Gwen Hietala-Carver, 10050 Keswick, stated she has spoke out before about not being interested
39 in having the road redone. The City Engineer indicated Keswick did not have to be included in the
40 project. She stated she is appalled Keswick is included and she cannot afford the assessment. She
41 stated the process was done backwards and the City should find someone with to do due diligence
42 and the whole thing makes no sense.

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44 The following addresses objected to the project prior to the public hearing:

- 45 10250 Jody Avenue N
- 46 10170 Jody Avenue Ct N
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- 1 10081 103rd Street N
- 2 10360 Jody Avenue Ct N
- 3 9710 Joliet Avenue N
- 4 10025 Keswick Avenue N
- 5 10050 Keswick Avenue N
- 6 10433 Kelman Ct N
- 7 9280 Joliet Avenue
- 8 10290 Jody Avenue N
- 9 10440 Kelman Ct N
- 10 10380 Jody Avenue Ct N
- 11 10205 103rd Street N
- 12 10450 Kelman Ct N
- 13 10210 103rd Street N
- 14 10370 Kelman Ct
- 15 10401 Kelman Ct
- 16 9691 101st Street N
- 17 10305 Jody Avenue Ct N
- 18 10031 103rd Street N
- 19 9820 101st Street N
- 20 WAC Park
- 21 9819 Joliet Avenue N
- 22 10325 Jody Avenue N
- 23 Cindy Woodard with no address

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25 **Council Member Schafer moved to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Council Member**
26 **Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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28 City Attorney Snyder advised the road project does increase value to the park and there is nothing
29 that would eliminate an assessment to the park. There are mechanisms to pay the assessment over
30 time and a 1-2% rate over the current interest is very common for cities.

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32 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No 2020-45, as presented. Council Member**
33 **Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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35 **City Planner, Jennifer Swanson (no action items)**

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37 **City Attorney, Dave Snyder (no action items)**

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39 **NEW BUSINESS**

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41 **Endorsement of Browns Creek Watershed District Applicant, Celia Wirth** - City Treasurer
42 Schwarze advised she has resigned from the Browns Creek Watershed District. Ms. Celia Wirth has
43 applied and would like the City Council to endorse her application.

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45 **Council Member Carr moved to endorse Ms. Celia Wirth for appointment to the Browns Creek**
46 **Watershed District. Council Member Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried**
47 **unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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49 **Schedule Canvass of Election Meeting** – The Canvass of Election meeting was scheduled on
50 Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the City Office.

1 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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3 There was no unfinished business.

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5 **DISCUSSION ITEMS** (no action taken)

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7 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**

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9 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items**

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11 No items were placed on a future agenda.

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13 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 3 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2020:**

14 **General Election, Tuesday, November 3, Woodbury Lutheran Oak Hill Campus, 7:00 a.m. to**
15 **8:00 p.m.**

16 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, November 12th, Mahtomedi District**
17 **Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

18 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, November 12th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00**
19 **p.m.**

20 **Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

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22 **ADJOURNMENT**

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24 **Council Member Schafer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Council Member Rog**
25 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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27 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting December 1, 2020.

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33 Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

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Jeff Huber, Mayor