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DATE : : September 2, 2025
TIME STARTED : 6:32 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 7:06 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Rog, Cornett,
Cremona, Anderson and Mayor Giefer
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Amanda Johnson; City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze; and Administrator/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Katy Irmen, 6300 Jasmine, provided public input relating to gun control and the City Council taking action to protect our children. She provided statistics on mass shootings and called on the elected officials to take action to make change.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Rog moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Cremona seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

August 2025 Bill List, \$76,104.15	Approved
August 5, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
Northern Salt, Dust Control, \$57,258.24	Approved
Woodchuck Tree Care, \$27,035.00	Approved
Mahtomedi Youth Hockey, Non-Profit Temporary Liquor License	Approved

Council Member Cornett moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck

Consideration of 2025 Gravel Road Maintenance – City Engineer Reifsteck advised the City’s gravel road maintenance agreement with Kline Bros. Inc. expired on August 2, 2025. Kline Bros. has continued to provide services under the terms of the expired agreement until a new contract is awarded.

Services provided under the agreement include routine maintenance of the City’s gravel road network, covering materials, hauling, and grading. The contractor is responsible for furnishing all personnel and equipment.

The proposed agreement establishes a two-year term, with the option to extend for one additional year.

Two contractors submitted quotes for consideration. Pricing by the hour, as shown on each contractor’s bid form, is summarized below:

Description				Kline Bros	Miller Excavation
NO.	Mat. No	Item	Units	Unit Price	Unit Price
1	2123.610	Motor Grader	HR	\$130.00	\$165.00
2	2123.610	Skid Steer	HR	\$130.00	\$130.00
3	2123.610	Trucking Aggregate Base	HR	\$130.00	\$135.00

Kline Bros. is the low bidder for this work with an average hourly price of \$130.00 compared to an average hourly price of \$143.00 for Miller Excavation. Kline Bros. is a local contractor, and their work for the City of Grant over the years has consistently been timely and exceptional.

Therefore, staff recommends awarding a new contract for gravel road maintenance to Kline Bros. Inc

Council Member Cremona moved to approve 2025 Gravel Road Maintenance Contract, as presented. Council Member Cornett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of 10-Yr CIP Roadway Maintenance Plan Revision – City Engineer Reifsteck advised on February 4, 2025, the City Council adopted the 10-Year CIP (2025–2035) for Roadway Maintenance. Within this plan, McKusick Road between Manning Avenue and Highway 96 was scheduled for roadway maintenance in 2027.

For planning purposes, McKusick Road is divided into two segments of roughly equal length (just over 3,000 feet each):

- Highway 96 to 88th Street

- 88th Street to Manning Avenue

The recommended maintenance for both segments is reconstruction through a mill and overlay method. Structurally, McKusick Road remains in good condition, but the surface has deteriorated significantly over the past 10 years, making mill and overlay the most cost-effective approach.

- The segment between Highway 96 and 88th Street is scheduled for reconstruction in 2026 or 2027. This work was negotiated as part of the development agreement with the Stillwater Oaks Developer.
- The segment between 88th Street and Manning Avenue is currently programmed to receive \$31,643 of City maintenance funds. The City typically funds roadway reconstruction projects through special assessments, applying the designated maintenance funds to reduce project costs and lower the per-parcel assessment.

Coordinating improvements for both roadway segments in the same year may provide cost savings through economies of scale and further reduce the assessments for affected property owners.

City Engineer Reifsteck stated Minnesota Statute 429 establishes the procedures for special assessments. Improvements may be initiated either by resident petition or by City Council order. The City of Grant’s Road Policy further defines the philosophy, assessment method, and procedures, and is available on the City’s website.

Each year, the City Engineer conducts a virtual neighborhood meeting with residents adjacent to roadways scheduled for maintenance. These meetings provide information on City policy, the distinction between maintenance and reconstruction, and the special assessment process.

City staff recommends revising the 10-Year CIP to move the **McKusick Road segment between 88th Street and Manning Avenue** from 2027 to **2026**. This adjustment will allow sufficient time to coordinate the reconstruction of both McKusick Road segments, improving efficiency and reducing project costs for residents.

Council Member Anderson to revise the 10-Year CIP to move the McKusick Road segment between 88th Street and Manning Avenue and Lofton Ave. from 2027 to 2026. Council Member Cremona seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp (no action items)

City Attorney, Amanda Johnson (no action items)

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of City of Stillwater Fire Contract Extension – Staff advised the Fire contract with the City of Stillwater ends December 31, 2025. Included in the packets was a extended contract for years 2026-2027.

1 Council Member Cremona moved to approve the City of Stillwater Fire Contract Extension, as
2 presented. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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4 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2025-12, 2026 Preliminary Budget** – Staff advised a seconded
5 budget work session was held prior to the meeting. The preliminary budget to be sent to the County
6 is in the amount of \$2,216,133.00.

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8 **Council Member Cornett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 in the amount of**
9 **\$2,216,133.00. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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11 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2025-13, 2026 Preliminary Levy** – Staff advised based on the
12 2026 budget the 2026 preliminary levy is in the amount of \$1,715.836.00.

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14 **Council Member Cornett moved to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13 in the amount of**
15 **\$1,715,836.00. Council Member Cremona seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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17 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

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

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

21 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 3 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025:**

22 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, September 11th and September 25th,**
23 **Mahtomedi District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

24 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, September 11th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00**
25 **p.m.**

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

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28 **ADJOURNMENT**

29 **Council Member Cremona moved to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Council Member Cornett seconded**
30 **the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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33 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting on October 7, 2025.

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40 Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

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Jeff Giefer, Mayor