

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE WATERVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING December 7, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

There was a meeting of the Waterville City Council held in Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2021.

Present: McIntyre, Grobe, Wollin and Mayor Schmidtke
Absent: Smith (present via virtual meeting platform-non voting)
Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Teresa Hill, City Attorney Jason Moran and City Engineer Jason Femrite.

Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schmidtke called the meeting to order noting that all Council was present with Tim Smith joining virtually. Also, present Teresa Hill, Jason Moran and Jason Femrite. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda / Additional Items to Agenda

Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Grobe to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - November 1, 2021 and November 8, 2021. B. Approval of Disbursements: 1. Payroll Check Numbers (2021431-2021470) \$39,144.31. 2. Computer Generated Checks and Overtime (36309-36374) \$172,080.98. 3. Electronic Fund Transfers (35050E-35072E) \$35,717.65. 4. Total Disbursement \$246,942.94. C. Impress Cash -None. D. Employment Action Item. 1. Part-time Police Wage Increase effective January 1, 2022. E. Le Sueur County Election Administration Agreement. Motion by Grobe, Seconded by McIntyre to approve the Consent agenda items. Motion Carried 4-0.

Written Petitions and Request

Split of Property-Michael Mooney (CMM of LBK LLC). Planning Commission has recommended the split of parcel ID 24.490.0110 into C & D as presented on the plan. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by McIntyre to approve the split of property. Motion carried 4-0

Petition to Vacate Undeveloped Streets and Setting Public Hearing Date. Two street vacation requests were received. As follows: 1. Undeveloped portion of Silver Street from Fremont Street to Faribault Street. 2. Undeveloped portion of Summit Street from Fremont Street to Faribault Street. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by McIntyre to approve Resolution 2021R-032 Accepting petitions and Setting Public Hearing for the March meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Citizen Time

Election Integrity-Ann Kruse. Ms. Kruse presented concerns over voter integrity. She addressed the following concerns: Voter ID, extended voting days, Secure machines not connected to the web, In person voting, mail in ballots.

New Business

Ordinance Revision Proposal 37.16 Tax (Administrative Fee). Administrator Hill recommended the council consider a recommendation to repeal ordinance for legal compliance tax. Ms. Hill advised the council that the City has been returning the majority of the funds back to the Lions Club and could be of better use by them. By repealing the tax, the city would receive a larger amount for lawful purpose fees. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Wollin to approve the proposed Ordinance Revision. Motion Carried 4-0.

Public Hearings

Delinquent Service Fees Proposed Assessments. The one owner to be assessed contacted city hall with some questions that were addressed and advised us that he was turning it over to his insurance. No payment has been received. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Grobe to approve Resolution 2021R-033 Approving 2021 Delinquent Service Fee Assessments. Motion Carried 4-0.

Fire Hall Committee Recommendation and Budget. The Fire Hall committee met to discuss other options for the fire hall. The committee is requesting a budget for redesign and possible build time from the Council so they can move forward on planning for a future fire hall. Discussion was held on possible budget amounts, time frame and the Cities debt load and debt capacity. A sample of estimated tax impact for the current mill rate on a 2 million dollar and 2.5-million-dollar facility was provided. Mayor Schmidtke stated that a 2.5-million-dollar structure would cost a \$100,000 home \$56.22, \$200,000 home \$141.56 and a \$300,000 home would be \$226.90 per year. A 2-million-dollar structure would be \$45.01 for \$100,000, \$113.35 for a \$200,000 and \$181.68 for a \$300,000 home per year. Mayor Schmidtke, commented that the budget would be all fees would be included for a turn key facility. The City is currently looking at a new building in 2 to 3 years. Chief Meskan said that he would like to keep the cost under 2 million. Council member Grobe inquired about the levy requirements. Administrator Hill advised that at the estimated interest rate, the levy would be 105% of the required payment with an average of \$103,000 to \$165,176 depending on the term and budget. Chief Meskan has a plan drawn out of the needs for the fire hall and room for expansion. He will share it with the architect. Council Member Wollin wanted to know how we can show the public there is a need. Chief Meskan said that is part of what the Architect will do with open houses. Council requested a list of things of why we need a new fire hall and getting it to the paper. Discussion was held on levy timing. Council considered build in 2023 and levy in 2022 for collection in 2023. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Wollin to set the budget at 2 million dollars and Chris gets in touch with Bruce with what we are looking at and also open it up to local contractors. With construction target in 2023. Mayor Schmidtke said it will be a motion but not a for sure. We are not moving forward with the whole plan. Clarification was made that this is not a motion to build. Motion carried 4-0.

Bullhead Days Tractor Pull. The Chamber is requesting permission to use the city lot on Reed Street for a tractor pull. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Grobe to approve the tractor pull on the City lot. Motion carried 4-0.

Hwy 60 Construction Project Informational Items. Council was provided a list of question and answers to some of the concerns voiced by the city on the Speed limit and Road construction. Coun-

cil member Grobe inquired about the placement of the speed change by 3rd Street instead of Reed Street. Administrator Hill advised that it was based on a preliminary speed study. They will be doing another speed study to see if it changed the pattern. It was requested that the paper receive a copy for publication. Attorney Moran asked if they council wanted him to get involved to see if the speed sign can get moved back past Reed Street. The Council agreed to the suggestion.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing on 2022 Budget and Levy (6:00 p.m.). Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Grobe to open the public hearing on the 2022 Budget and Levy. Motion carried 4-0. Sue Cutts, 450 Cedar Circle inquired if the council would be voting on the levy. Council explained that this is the hearing and the levy would be approved after the hearing. Administrator provided an overview of the 2022 Budget and Levy. The City proposed a 5% levy increase. If the individual property taxes show more than a 5% for the city portion, it was due to increased value, change or reduction in credit. The city received statements on taxable property that showed no change in value and it decreased by \$4.00. A brief overview of the property tax statement was provided. Valuations are determined by improvements on your home and also property sales. Questions concerning the valuation should be directed to the County and addressed at the Board of Equalization meeting. The overall average for Mn Cities is 6.6%. 2021 inflation projection is 5.1% and 2022 of 2.3%. Water and Sewer Utilities are not a levy item. They are supported by rates. Levy supported expenses vs Revenues as budgeted show \$87,000 to the good but does not include the expenses for the American Rescue Fund Money. After including these expenses the City would run about a \$12,000 deficit. Council discussion was held on the Levy proposal. Floor was opened for comment. Sue Mariska, 450 Cedar Circle commented that she had already talked to several of the members. Where do the taxes end, they just keep going up and up and up? She understands the expenses going up but, in a household, you have to spend within your means. When will it end? It's been a tough few years. Chris Meskan, 115 Herbert St. S, Commented that it is your politicians at the high levels. They are ruining small towns. A lot of it is out of your control. You can sit and do nothing but when everything goes bad then what? The other thing he looks at is that people don't bat an eye when they go buy a new car but they are worried about paying \$100 more in taxes. Additional discussion was held by Council on the levy. Discussion on the Cities dependency on Local Government aid was discussed and the ability for the state to withhold funds or decrease funds. Council member Grobe inquired about the repairs that are needed for the Current Fire Hall. Administrator Hill advised that American Rescue fund money were allocated to cover the ventilation for this year and further review needed to be done for the eligibility of the floor. David Schwartz, 450 Cedar Circle, question why we would repair a building that the council said it was not worth repairing. Council Member McIntyre responded that there are some things that still need to be taken care of. There is a mold problem in that building and that affects our fire fighters. There is also a problem in 1 area of the floor that could cause damage because our biggest truck backs into there and there is a washout that goes under there. There are some repairs that need to be made but we can get funds through the American Rescue Funds to temporarily take care of it until we can get the new Fire Hall. Council member Wollin stated that he assumed that would add value to the building. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Grobe to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 2021R-034 Approving the 2022 Final Budget. Motion by McIntyre Seconded by Grobe to approve resolution 2021R-034 approving the 2022 final Budget. Motion carried 4-0

Resolution 2021R-035 Approving the 2022 Final Levy. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Wollin to approve Resolution 2021R-035 approving the 2022 final levy. Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution 2021R-036 Accepting American Rescue Funds. Motion by Wollin, Seconded by Grobe. Motion Carried 4-0.

Reports

Attorney's Report. Attorney Moran reported it was a quiet month.

Engineer's Report. City Engineer Femrite submitted a progress report for the Cannon River Hydrology report. An update will be provided to the council monthly. Council Member Grobe inquired what the reason was for removing the dams years ago. Mr. Femrite did not have an answer at this time. Mayor Schmidtke inquired if the effect of tree blockages would be shown. Mr. Femrite said the blockages will be looked at and its effect.

Administrator's Report. Nothing to report.

Council Discussion. None

Adjourn

Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Grobe to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Alan Schmidtke, Mayor

Teresa Hill, Administrator-Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 152.096 OF THE MORRISTOWN CITY CODE

The Morristown City Council has passed an ordinance amending Section 152.096 of the Morristown City Code (Ordinance 2022-2). Specifically, the time to commence a permitted demolition of structures has been changed from 180 days to 60 days. This is a summary of the Ordinance. A full text of this ordinance is available for public inspection at the Morristown City Hall during regular office hours.

Lisa Duban, City Clerk/Treasurer

507-685-2302

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF MORRISTOWN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2022

The Morristown City Council has passed an ordinance amending the city's Master Fee Schedule (Ordinance 2022-1). Said changes to the Master Fee Schedule shall be effective January 3, 2022. This is a summary of the Ordinance. A full text of this ordinance is available for public inspection at the Morristown City Hall during regular office hours.

Lisa Duban, City Clerk/Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Elysian will be accepting bids for the lease of approximately 12 acres of tillable land (Parcel ID #16.999.0310, ID# 16.999.0300). The term of the agreement will commence on the 1st day of March, 2022 and end on the 31st day of December, 2024; for a term of 3-years.

Bids are to be submitted to the City by 4:30 pm on February 11, 2022. The bid shall state a price per acre per year for the crop years of 2022, 2023, and 2024. The City will award the bid based on the bid price submitted. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a Land Lease Agreement with the City, which will be made available for each bidder to view.

To be considered, sealed bids must be received by 4:30 pm on February 11, 2022. Bids may be submitted via mail or delivered in person to: Elysian City Hall - Land Lease Bid, PO Box 246, 110 West Main Street, Elysian, MN 56028.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Lorri Kopschke, City Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 88 SOUTH PARK AVE, LE CENTER MN 56057 507-357-2251

Public Hearing Notice

Notice is hereby given that at **9:10 A.M. on Tuesday, January 25, 2022**, the Le Sueur County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the Le Sueur County Government Center in the Commissioners Chambers, located at 88 South Park Ave, Le Center, MN.

The purpose of the public hearing is to adopt one of two Ordinances

LE SUEUR COUNTY ORDINANCE REQUIRING INSPECTION OF SUBSURFACE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS (SSTS) WITHIN THE FIRST TIER AND RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO LAKE GORMAN, LAKE VOLNEY, AND THE VILLAGE OF CORDOVA.

Copies of the proposed SSTS Standards/Ordinances are available for review during normal working hours Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and Fridays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Le Sueur County Environmental Services building, Le Sueur County Auditor's office and on the Le Sueur County website at www.co.le-sueur.mn.us under Environmental Services, Septic Program, Projects & Sewer Districts, Lake Volney, Lake Gorman, and the Village of Cordova Inventory Project.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments pertaining to the "Draft Standards/Ordinances" until **4:30 PM on Thursday, January 20, 2022**. Written comments can be submitted to the County Administrator at 88 South Park Ave. Le Center MN 56057 or emailed to jmartin@co.le-sueur.mn.us.

Le Sueur County, Board of Commissioners

Joseph Martin

Le Sueur County Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF WATERVILLE LE SUEUR COUNTY, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 37.16-2022

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING Ordinance Number 37.16 ADOPTED ON October 11, 2007, AND TITLED "TAX."

The City Council of Waterville, following a duly called and held public hearing, hereby and herein Ordains as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance Number 37.16 adopted on October 11, 2007 and titled "TAX." Is hereby and herein repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That this Ordinance or any parts of the City's other Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby also repealed with those remaining provisions upon which this Ordinance does not touch or effect shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication by law.

Upon motion made, duly seconded, and passed by the City Council of Waterville this 4th day of January, 2022.

Approved:

Alan Schmidtke, Mayor

Attested:

Teresa Hill, Administrator-Clerk

1st reading: December 7, 2021

2nd reading: January 4, 2022

Public Hearing: January 4, 2022

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