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**DATE** : June 6, 2017  
**TIME STARTED** : 7:05 p.m.  
**TIME ENDED** : 8:50 p.m.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT** : Councilmember Carr, Kaup, Sederstrom  
Lanoux and Mayor Huber  
**MEMBERS ABSENT** : None

Staff members present: City Attorney, Kevin Sandstrom; City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze; and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

(1) Mr. Craig Leiser came forward and commented on the drainage at Keats Avenue in terms of the drainage projects that Brown’s Creek has implemented and the success of those projects. He added they have completed the Comprehensive Plan update and hope to work with the City with their updates.

(2) Mr. Jerry Helander, 6261 Jasmine, came forward and stated the open meeting complaint made by Council Member Lanoux is flimsy at best and cost the City money in terms of the legal fees.

(3) Mr. Don Bakken, 8775 80<sup>th</sup> Street, came forward and requested speed limit enforcement on 80<sup>th</sup> Street. He added the Kline Bros. are doing a great job grading and applauded the Council for the opposition to the proposed annexation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SETTING THE AGENDA**

**Council Member Lanoux moved to approve the agenda with the addition of three items: Watershed District, Advertisement for Citizen Review of Comprehensive Plan and remove discussion of Solar Farms. Council Member Sederstrom seconded the motion. Motion failed with Council Member Carr, Kaup and Mayor Huber voting nay.**

**Council Member Carr moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Kaup seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux and Sederstrom voting nay.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1	May 2, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
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3	May 2017 Bill List, \$53,251.77	Approved
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5	Kline Bros. Excavating, Road	
6	Work, \$22,096.25	Approved
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8	Brochman Blacktopping, \$13,888.50	Approved
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10	KEJ Winter Mix Pothole, \$13,410.00	Approved
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12	Croix Valley Inspector, \$10,677.25	Approved
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14 **Council Member Carr moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member**  
15 **Kaup seconded the motion.**

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17 Council Member Lanoux submitted a special meeting request.

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19 **Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux and Sederstrom voting nay.**

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21 **STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

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23 **City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck**

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25 **Consideration of 2017 Seal Coat Project for Quote Solicitation** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised  
26 Council authorizes staff to solicit quotes for seal coat work and authorize Brochman Blacktopping to  
27 complete patching.

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29 In 2017, roadway maintenance is planned for the following streets:

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  - Kelvin Ave
  - 61st Street N
  - 67th Lane N
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  - 60Th Lane N
  - 65TH Street N

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38 The Seal Coat/Roadway maintenance plan allows the city to provide residents an opportunity to  
39 petition for a larger overlay or rehabilitation project and utilize City maintenance dollars.

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41 A standard letter was sent to the property owners along each roadway receiving maintenance. An  
42 open house was held on April 20th, 2017 to answer resident questions and requesting resident  
43 petitions for roadway improvements be submitted no later than May 27th. A petition was received for  
44 65th Street.

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1 If residents and the city elect to move forward with the planned patching, Brochman Blacktopping is  
2 already under contract for the city's patching work and is prepared to complete the work. The seal  
3 coat quotes will be solicited from contractors and bids will be brought back next month for Council  
4 approval.

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6 The budget for 2017 is \$58,000. The 2017 Seal Coat/Roadway Maintenance Plan is attached for  
7 review.

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9 **Council Member Lanoux moved to direct staff to solicit quotes from contracts for the 2017**  
10 **Seal Coat/Roadway Maintenance Project. Council Member Sederstrom seconded the motion.**  
11 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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13 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2017-11, Declaring Adequacy of Petition and Ordering**  
14 **Preparation of Report** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised a petition was received by the City on May  
15 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from Daniel Collins at 10177 N 65<sup>th</sup> Street requesting a feasibility study be completed for  
16 roadway improvements along 65<sup>th</sup> Street N, east of Keats Ave. The Petition was signed by at least one  
17 property owner for each parcel and 87.5% of all property owners signed the petition.

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19 This street was included as part of the 2017 CIP scheduled for roadway maintenance.

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21 **Council Member Sederstrom moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-11, as presented. Council**  
22 **Member Lanoux seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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24 Council noted the \$3000 allocated to the 2017 seal coat project on this roadway would be contributed  
25 to the road project to be consistent with past resident petitioned road projects.

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27 **Consideration of 2017 Special Road Projects** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised each year the City  
28 of Grant allocates dollars for special roadway projects apart from the yearly maintenance projects and  
29 roadway pothole patching.

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31 At the last Council meeting staff was directed to select a few good candidates for the 2017 Special  
32 Road Project. This year's Special Road Project candidates include the following:

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- 35 • Keats Avenue – North 1/3 of roadway to complete patching from previous year special road  
36 project
  - 37 • Guard rail installation on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - 38 • Gravel Road maintenance to stabilize and blend in more rock content on select gravel roads
  - 39 • Joliet Ave – North of 96<sup>th</sup>
  - 40 • Raising of Jocelyn Road N
  - 41 • Raising of Keats Avenue

42 Mayor Huber stated flooding this year did cause Keats and Jocelyn to be under water. The City has  
43 raised these roads before and would like to look at doing that again with funding from the Special  
44 Roads Projects. It would have to be determined by the Watershed District that the raising of those  
45 roads would not cause more flooding issues in other areas.

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2 Council Member Sederstrom stated there is grant money available to help fix the problem. Just  
3 raising the roads won't fix the problem entirely.  
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5 **The 2017 Special Roads Projects were prioritized as follows: 1) Raising of Keats Avenue; 2)**  
6 **Raising of Jocelyn road North; and 3) Guard Rail installation on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ironwood**  
7 **Avenue.**

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9 **City Planner, Jennifer Haskamp (no action items)**

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11 **City Attorney, Kevin Sandstrom**

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13 **PUBLIC HEARING, Consideration of Ordinance No. 2017-52, Moratorium on Land Use, Solar**  
14 **Farm Facilities** – City Attorney Sandstrom provided and reviewed a draft Ordinance for Moratorium  
15 on Land Use, Solar Farm Facilities to provide the City with review time noting a public hearing was  
16 published.  
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18 Mayor Huber advised a moratorium does not block solar farms but give the City time to study and  
19 draft an ordinance.  
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21 Mayor Huber opened the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.  
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23 No one was present to speak regarding Ordinance No. 2017-52.  
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25 **Council Member Carr moved to close the public hearing at 8:03 p.m. Council Member Kaup**  
26 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**  
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28 **Mayor Carr moved to approve Ordinance No. 2017-52, as presented. Council Member Kaup**  
29 **seconded the motion carried with Council Member Lanoux voting nay.**  
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31 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2017-12, Authorization of Summary Publication of Ordinance**  
32 **No. 2017-52** – Resolution No. 2017-12 authorizes a summary publication of Ordinance No. 2017-52.  
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34 **Council Member Carr moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-12, as presented. Council Member**  
35 **Kaup seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux voting nay.**  
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37 **NEW BUSINESS**  
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39 **Acceptance of 2016 Final Audit Report** – City Treasurer Schwarze reviewed the audit report noting  
40 a couple of changes relating to City Attorney costs, building permit fees and the Keswick Avenue  
41 project that the City did not bond for. She stated overall the City came in very close to budget and the  
42 Council did a good job of budgeting for year 2016.  
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1 Mayor Huber noted the increase in the public safety budget noting that is out of the City's control.  
2 Road projects were up 27% but expenses only rose 1% for general government. The City always  
3 comes through the required audit with flying colors.

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5 Council Member Lanoux stated the City is paying for plowing in July and he has requested a  
6 forensic audit.

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8 City Treasurer Schwarze advised the Council decided to keep line items for the road work and pay  
9 monthly from those line items. That is a budgeting tool that is good for the City and is recorded  
10 monthly. It is very similar to a resident going on the budget plan for their utilities and making the  
11 same amount every month.

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13 **Council Member Carr moved to accept the 2016 Final Audit Report, as presented. Council**  
14 **Member Kaup seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Lanoux and**  
15 **Sederstrom voting nay.**

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17 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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19 There was no unfinished business.

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21 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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23 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items (no action taken):**

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25 Mayor Huber stated a special meeting request was submitted earlier in the meeting. However, a  
26 neighborhood meeting has already been schedule and notices were mailed to residents. The meeting  
27 is June 26, 2017, 6:30 pm at Woodbury Lutheran Church – Oak Hill Campus. The Watershed  
28 District will be attending the meeting.

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30 Council Member Lanoux stated he has called for a special meeting next week and submitted that  
31 request in writing. It is a violation of civil rights and the City will be sued.

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33 City Attorney Sandstrom advised two members of the Council can submit a request for a special  
34 Council meeting. The majority must be present to have a special meeting. There is no requirement  
35 that meetings are taped and most often special meetings are not.

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37 Council Member Carr stated he did not understand why there is argument about whose meeting is  
38 best. A neighborhood meeting has been scheduled and he will be present.

1 **Staff Updates (no action taken):**

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3 **City Legals Process** - City Attorney Sandstrom reviewed the two memos included in the packets  
4 relating to the litigation process and the complaint regarding a potential open meeting violation. He  
5 noted there was not an open meeting violation and no further action is required.

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7 Council Member Sederstrom expressed concern that the Council does not vote on lawsuits because he  
8 feels the Council needs to make those decisions.

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10 City Attorney Sandstrom stated the memo provided referred to civil litigation. The Council does not  
11 get into the prosecutions as law enforcement officials determine if there is probable cause.

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13 Other updates included: The July City Council meeting is on June 29, 2017 to accommodate for the  
14 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday; League of Women voters conducted their study and all cities were found  
15 compliant with open meeting requirements; and the Stillwater Fire District has a new rating so  
16 residents should check with their insurance companies about a lower rate.

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18 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 7 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017:**

19 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mahtomedi District**  
20 **Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

21 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> , Stillwater City Hall, 7:00 p.m.**

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

23 **ADJOURN**

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25 **Mayor Huber moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Council Member Carr seconded the motion.**  
26 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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30 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting June 29, 2017.

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36 Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

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Jeff Huber, Mayor