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DATE : August 6, 2024
TIME STARTED : 6:30 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 7:05 p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Carr, Giefer,
Cornett and Mayor Huber
MEMBERS ABSENT : Rog

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Emily Dahdah, 6166 Jarvis, came forward and stated she would like to help in a redesign of the proposed Jarvis guard rail.

Mr. Jeff Schafer, 8688 Jamaca Avenue, came forward and requested an accounting of the Covid funds be posted on the City website.

Ms. Anna Shelander, 9144 Justin Trail N, requested reimbursement for costs relating to taking a feral cat to the vet for rabies test and euthanasia. She stated the cat attacked her dog and the bills for services are \$205.00. There is no animal control in Grant and it makes sense that the City reimburse her.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

June 25, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
July 2024 Bill List, \$78,818.20	Approved
Kline Bros., Road Maintenance, \$33,565.00	Approved

1 Croix Valley Inspector, \$51,651.17 Approved

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3 Northern Salt, Dust Control, \$58,266.90 Approved

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5 Washington County Sheriff, Jan-June, \$91,720.90 Approved

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7 **Council Member Giefer moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member**
8 **Cornett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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10 **STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

11 **City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck**

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13 **Consideration of 2024 Street Maintenance Contract** – City Engineer Reifsteck advised the
14 following streets have been identified for maintenance work in 2024:

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| 15 | Isleton Avenue | Isleton Ct |
| 16 | Dellwood Road Ct | Dellwood Road Ln |
| | Joliet Avenue | Justen Trail |
| | Keswick Avenue | 65 TH Street |

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18 This year’s project will include patching, crack repair and fog sealing.

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20 Any patching required will be completed by the City’s bituminous patching contractor, Asphalt
21 Restoration Co. prior to fog sealing.

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23 One quote was received on Tuesday July 30, 2024 from Pearson Bros. Inc. in the amount of
24 \$37,300.00. The 2024 budget is project is \$48,144.

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26 City staff is recommending contract award to Pearson Bros Inc in the amount of \$37,300.

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28 **Council Member Carr moved to award Pearson Bros. , as presented. Council Member Cornett**
29 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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31 **Consideration of Project Financing for Knollwood Drive Street Improvement Project** – City
32 Engineer Reifsteck advised the Knollwood Drive Street Improvement Project construction contract
33 was awarded, and final cost were declared at the June 4, 2024, regular council meeting.

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35 The project is funded using special assessments and city maintenance dollars. The total cost of the
36 improvement was declared by resolution 2024-08 to be \$219,836.84.

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38 The City of Grant has already committed \$16,431 to the total cost of the project using street
39 maintenance dollars. The special assessments for the project are responsible for the remainder of the
40 project cost, \$203,405.84. The special assessments carry a 15-year term and a 4.5% annum interest
41 rate.

1 On similar sized projects, the City of Grant has self-financed using cities reserves to initially finance
2 such street improvement projects but there are other options, such as bond issues. In either case, the
3 city pays off debt as funds become available through collection of the assessments.

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5 City staff is asking the Council to consider whether self-financing or bonding is the desired method to
6 finance the assessed amount of \$203,405.84 for the Knollwood Drive Street Improvement Project.

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8 **Council Member Giefer moved to self-fund the Knollwood Drive Street Improvement Project.**
9 **Council Member Cornett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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13 **City Attorney, Nick Vivian (no action items)**

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15 **NEW BUSINESS**

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17 **Accept 2023 Audit** – Staff advised the City Council has to formally accept the 2023 Audit by
18 motion.

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20 **Council Member Giefer moved to accept the 2023 City Audit, as presented. Council Member**
21 **Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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23 **Consideration of Endorsement of Celia Wirth to Brown’s Creek Watershed District** – Staff
24 advised a letter of support will be sent to the Watershed District recommending reappointment of Ms.
25 Wirth if the Council so chooses.

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27 **Council Member Carr moved to endorse Ms. Celia Wirth to the Brown’s Creek Watershed**
28 **District, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried**
29 **unanimously.**

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31 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

32 **Consideration of Assessor Appointment** – Staff advised no other price quotes were submitted for
33 the Assessor services. A draft contract was included in the packets that is backdated to July 1 as the
34 assessor term is from July 1 through June 30 of each year. The contract is for a one-year term and the
35 fee is \$2,300 per month.

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37 **Council Member Giefer moved to appoint Patrick Poshek as City Assessor, as presented.**
38 **Council Member Cornett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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40 **Consideration of Community Festival** – As not enough momentum was gained this year for a
41 community festival, Council Member Rog would like to withdraw consideration this year but would
42 like to budget for it next year.

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44 **Council Member Carr moved to withdraw consideration of Community Festival this year.**
45 **Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (no action taken)

Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)

City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items

COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 7 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024:

Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, August 8th and August 22nd, Mahtomedi District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, August 8th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Cornett moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting September 3, 2024.

Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

Jeff Huber, Mayor