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DATE : September 7, 2021
TIME STARTED : 7:00 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 8:12 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

Ms. Cecilia Wirth (no address provided), came forward and thanked the City Council for endorsing her to the Brown’s Creek Watershed District.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

August 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
August 2021 Bill List, \$99,123.95	Approved
Kline Bros. Excavating, Road Work, \$55,770.00	Approved

Council Member Schafer moved to approve the consent agenda with Item 4B, August 2021 Bill List moved to item 6D under new business. Council Member Carr seconded the motion. Motion failed by a roll call vote with Council Member Carr, Rog, Giefer and Mayor Huber voting nay.

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

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STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck

Consideration of Additional 2021 Special Road Projects – City Engineer Reifsteck advised that typically, the City of Grant employs KEJ Enterprises to complete roadway brushing as part of their overall roadway maintenance contract with the City but over the years have been unable to keep up with the brushing required to keep the roadways safe and clear.

The city also employs Kline Bros for gravel roadway and culvert maintenance work. Kline Bros does have the equipment necessary to complete the additional roadway brushing for the City of Grant and they are committed to assisting KEJ in keeping the roadways clear of tree growth.

City staff recommends Kline Bros to complete the additional brushing necessary.

The City of Grant has allotted \$50,000 for this work in 2021.

Council Member Rog moved to approve Kline Bros. to provide brushing work, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Consideration of Special Road Projects, Ironwood Avenue Plate Beam Guardrail – City Engineer Reifsteck advised Ironwood Ave, just south of 120th Street N, is surrounded by steep terrain with nearby water bodies and or wetlands.

At the direction of Council, City staff has investigated the north half of Ironwood Avenue and have determined a few locations where plate beam guardrail would be the most effective option to provide a safer roadway. The total length of proposed guard rail is 500 feet.

Plate beam guard rail is more effective and cost efficient than 3-cable guardrail in conditions where there are curvy alignments. The exact locations will be determined in the field by the City Engineer.

The estimated cost to install plate beam guardrail is \$47,500.

Council Member Carr moved to approve Staff receiving quotes for Ironwood Guard Rail, as presented. Council Member Shafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Consideration of Special roads Project, Townhall Parking Lot Improvements – City Engineer Reifsteck advised the townhall parking lot is currently gravel.

City council directed staff to investigate the cost to pave the parking lot with bituminous.

City staff has completed preliminary investigations of the depth of the existing gravel to determine paving stability. The depth was determined to be between 2-5 inches.

1 It is recommended the existing gravel beneath a paved parking lot be a minimum of 4-inches thick.,
2 therefore it will be required to add additional gravel to the parking lot prior to paving.

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4 In addition to the gravel, the parking lot would be reshaped to encourage drainage away from the
5 parking lot and onto the surrounding boulevards.

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7 The proposed pavement thickness for the parking lot is 2.5-inches.

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9 The estimated cost to pave the parking lot is \$30,500.

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11 **Council Member Schafer moved to approve Staff getting quotes for the Town Hall Parking lot
12 and driveway to be completed in the Spring of 2022. Motion failed with no second.**

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14 **Council Member Rog moved to pave the parking lot in the spring if the contractor will hold the
15 price to Spring of 2022. Motion failed with no second.**

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17 **Council Member Giefer moved to approve Staff receiving quotes for Town Hall Parking Lot, as
18 presented. Mayor Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried by a roll call vote with Council
19 Member Rog and Schafer voting nay.**

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21 **Consideration of Special Roads Project, Jocelyn Roadway Improvements** – City Engineer
22 Reifsteck advised Jocelyn Road was raised in March of 2020 to prevent roadway flooding just south
23 of 68th Court N. Highwater prevented the contractor to install proper shoulders and side slopes at the
24 same time the roadway was raised. The current side slopes are steep and unsafe.

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26 City staff has provided two options to remedy the steep side slopes.

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28 1. Option A – Add a 3-Cable Guardrail offset two feet from the existing shoulder on both sides
29 of the roadway. The guard rail is estimated to be approximately 400 feet in total length and
30 estimated to cost \$23,000. The city would be required to receive quotes for this option.
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32 2. Option B – Provide roadway embankment to provide a safe slope for vehicles (1:3). This
33 option will require coordination and cooperation with the VBWD to mitigate additional
34 wetland filling. This option is a more permanent remedy and would require less maintenance
35 for the city in the long term. The roadway embankment option is estimated to cost \$29,000.
36 The city would employ the services of Kline Bros to complete this work.

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38 City staff recommends Option B to remedy the steep slopes.

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40 **Council Member Schafer moved to approve Staff to obtain quotes for Jocelyn Road
41 Improvement, Option B, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion
42 carried by a unanimous roll call vote.**

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

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

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2 **NEW BUSINESS**

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4 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-10, 2022 Preliminary Budget** – City Treasurer Schwarze
5 stated the City Council has held two budget work sessions to discuss the 2022 budget. The draft
6 budget presented is in the amount of \$1,740,216.

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8 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10, as presented. Council**
9 **Member Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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11 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-11, 2022 Preliminary Levy Certification** – City Treasurer
12 Schwarze advised Resolution No. 2022-11 establishes the 2022 Preliminary Levy Certification. The
13 final levy certification will be adopted in December.

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15 **Council Member Rog moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-11, as presented. Council Member**
16 **Schafer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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18 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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20 There was no unfinished business.

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

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

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

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28 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021:**

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30 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, September 9th and 23rd, Mahtomedi**
31 **District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

32 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, September 9th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00**
33 **p.m.**

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

35 **ADJOURNMENT**

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37 **Council Member Giefer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Council Member Schafer**
38 **seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.**

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40 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting October 5, 2021.

1 Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk
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Jeff Huber, Mayor

APPROVED