

## **Special Council Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2016 at 7:00pm**

Mayor Ardell Knutson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Council attending: P. Syverson, T. Wheeler, T. Robertson, J. Anderson, C. Ekern and S. Frederixon Clerk-Treasurer. W. Cartrette out of town on business.

**Request to amend agenda: Motion by C. Ekern to amend the agenda to include: consideration of storm damage debris removal on recently purchased Pape land/Action and to revisit private railroad crossing upgrade invoice/action, seconded by T. Wheeler. Discussion-none. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Open Meeting Law Requirements met:** posted more than 24 in advance & in three public places.

**Main Lift Station Project Bid Award Letter:** The low bid for the lift station project was submitted by Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. out of Winona, MN. **Motion by C. Ekern to approve awarding the Main Lift Station project to Wapasha Construction at \$887,000.00, seconded by T. Wheeler. Discussion-**doesn't include engineering. **Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Update on Wildcat Division:** Dave Carlson representing SEH addressed the progress and consideration for change order request of additional inspection services for staking curb stops, pressure testing, as-builts to mark service locations, and periodic check ins on sub-grades and base. **Motion by T. Robertson to request the clerk contact Blair Industrial Development Corporation to see which, if any, of these services they are willing to provide and which need to be contracted out, with the final decision to be made at the June 6 council meeting, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion-**who is setting the water mains? – Gerke. **Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Reaffirm approval to hire limited term public work: Motion by J. Anderson to reaffirm approval for clerk to hire limited term public work department assistant at \$9.25/hour, seconded by T. Robertson. Discussion-**is everything working out well - yes. **Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Revisit approval for 2<sup>nd</sup> part time employee: Motion by J. Anderson to approve 625 hours for each of the 2 part time limited employees at \$10.00/hour, May through October, with the clerk having discretion to adjust as needed, seconded by P. Syverson. Discussion-**none. **Ayes-4, Nays-T. Robertson.**

**Storm Damage Removal:** The debris from the 2012 storm has been stored on land that Pape purchased and he is asking for it to be removed. **Motion by T. Robertson to dig a hole on the property and burn all debris in that hole with the Fire Department and City attorney's approval with a \$3850 cap, seconded by C. Ekern. Discussion-**none. **Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

**Revisit railroad invoice:** The railroad does not need to make contact with private crossing owner before doing needed repair. If the City decides to terminate the crossing, the City will have to pay to have crossing removed and then restored. The City council is questioning the contract's validity. The City would like to revisit & rewrite contract with new terms in place before payment is made.

**Motion by T. Robertson to adjourn, seconded by P. Syverson. Ayes-5, Nays-0.**

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Susan Frederixon, Clerk-Treasurer