



medical needs. Roger Bechel is checking into the possible need and cost of residing elsewhere during project construction.

2. Brian Sarff with Bolton and Menk: CSAH 27 (Agency Street) Project

- Mr. Sarff provided an update stating project plans have been completed, reviewed by the County and submitted to the state for review. Once the state signs off, the project will go out for bid. Once final approval is received, the 429-process requires a three-week time frame for notice. If final approval is delayed past this week, a special meeting may be needed to make the timelines work. The resolution in front of Council tonight states March 31<sup>st</sup>, this is at the mercy of the state's review.
- Council discussion included that there will be many components of sidewalks listed in the bid. Mayor Auringer stated that whenever a street reconstruction project is bid out, sidewalks are included.
- Additional lighting is not included due to the city's request early in the project. Current light levels would need to be reviewed and an analysis done to evaluate lighting levels. Safe Routes to School funding for sidewalks has been rejected in the past and requires prevailing wages be paid which would increase costs. Doing sidewalks as a separate project would lose the economies of scale and increase costs. Blue Earth County will be paying for 50 percent of the sidewalk costs, if sidewalks are done as a separate city project, the city will be responsible for 100 percent of the cost. Mr. Bechel's property on South Agency has been included in the bid documents for the special need relating to parking and access. Once a contractor's bid is accepted and a contract is entered into, preconstruction meetings will begin, and more information will be available. The exact project phasing is not called out in the project, however there are items that control things like the amount of roadway which can be torn up at a given time.
- Bidding documents ask that sidewalks be left in place as long as possible during the construction phase.
- Sanitary and sewer lines will be constructed with PVC pipe and the storm sewer will be reinforced concrete pipe with life cycle of approximately 100 years.
- Robert Winker, 313 S. Agency Street, stated Agency is not a typical city street and that he has concerns for bike and pedestrian safety with the street being narrowed by four feet. The 40-foot roadway is the county's standard. Assessments will be determined once bids are received. The city has a policy on how assessments are handled, but the application of this policy has been varied in the past. Mr. Winkler stated he feels this project will not improve his property value. A water filtration facility is not part of this project. The city is following the Chapter 429-assessment process for notice requirements.
- Administrator Bromeland stated the special benefits analysis will help determine the assessment amounts for each property and that a property cannot be assessed an amount greater than the value the project adds to the property. Public Works Director, Brian Goettl, stated the city has not flushed the water line along Agency Street this past year due to concerns that doing so would cause additional breaks in the water line.
- A public hearing will be held for special assessment amounts to properties once input of from the third-party is received and bids are opened and accepted.
- Administrator Bromeland read emails from five residents in support of the sidewalk portion of this project.
- Tonight's resolution is to approve the plans and specification and authorizing the project be sent out for bid.
- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Rohrich, to approve the adoption of Resolution 2021-10. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, White, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

3. Blue Earth County is administering the contract and Bolton and Menk is working with the county.  
3. Rob Olson with Clarke Mosquito Control Company: Review of Eagle Lake Mosquito Control Plan

- Mr. Olson with Clarke Mosquito Control Company presented an overview stating they are a global company with their own products which have been approved by the EPA and Pollution Control.
- Their mission is to make communities livable, safe and comfortable.
- They integrate GPS, flow and dosage rate technology and have real time tracking to monitor where the drivers are and how fast they drive and how much chemicals have been applied. All vehicles are equipped with variable flow to control the amount of chemical applied. Their drivers drive a speed range of 2 – 22 miles per hour while applying spray. All drivers are licensed with the state of Minnesota. GPS technology allows them to apply more effectively with more accurate treatments.
- The city has access to a portal which shows the detail of each treatment.
- The product used is Biomist 4+4 which is applied at a rate of 1.5 ounces per acre and is EPA approved. Treatments are safe for humans and pets. Residents are offered the ability to be given advance notice of sprayings through an automated service and will be contacted the day before an application if they choose to participate. It is safe to eat produce after a spray and residents should treat their garden produce the same as produce purchased from a grocery store, which should be rinsed. Impacts to caterpillars, butterflies and lightening bugs is minimized due to the fact that the spray is very specific to mosquitos, to the time that the

spray is applied and the fact that the chemical loses potency quickly once it reaches the ground. It will not harm the bee population. Mosquitos are most active right before and after a rain so if it rains after an application the application is still effective.

- Mosquitos are targeted when they are most active and in the air, which is between dusk until dawn. They spray between 10:00 pm to 2:00 a.m. and the spray reaches 300 feet. The park area is sprayed as well.
- Administrator Bromeland read a letter from Nicole Davros, 101 Valley Lane, and her questions were addressed. Responses included quality control analysis which controls the amount and velocity of droplets as she does the calibration of equipment. There is no hazard to residents/pets exposed to the Biomist 4+4 when applied correctly. Technicians are trained to turn off equipment when they see people outside. Pyrethroid, while toxic to aquatic life, is sprayed in very low dosages which is safe, and is not spray directly into the water. There is not many non-targeted insects affected by this spray, which has been tested extensively.
- The EPA has determined Biomist 4+4 does not have a cumulative effect on animals.
- When in the park they spray along the paths, to spray by the playground equipment the city would need to request this.

4. Julie Blackburn with ISG: MS4 Permit and Professional Services for Program Development

- Ms. Blackburn presented an overview of the MS4 program and stated the MS4 permit authorizes the City to discharge stormwater to public water. Program management includes administration, public education, regulatory requirements and mapping and inventory.
- Fees for ISG's work for the re-permitting, program management and annual administration total \$22,500.
- The permit application needs to be submitted by April 15, 2021, the 2020 annual report by June 30, 2021 and the 2021 annual report must be submitted by June 30, 2022.
- Ms. Blackburn has experience with algae management and is excited about the opportunity to provide educational information for residents.
- Council Member White moved, seconded by Council Member Rohrich, to approve ISG's proposal for the three phases of the MS4 program. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, White and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

5. Cullen Kobayashi with US Solar Corporation: Proposed Solar Garden and Possible Annexation of Parcel in Mankato Township

- Mr. Cullen Kobayashi, Project Manager with US Solar Corporation, discussed a proposed 10-acre 1 megawatt solar garden to be constructed on parcel R.43.09.13.100.012 in Mankato Township. He has contacted Mankato planning and zoning staff who provide planning and zoning services for Mankato Township. They referred him to the City of Eagle Lake to determine if the city has interest in annexing this parcel into city limits. No city services would be sought for the development of the site as a proposed solar garden. Community gardens are typically a conditional use in agricultural zone land.
- The City's Land Use Plan has this parcel listed as an intended light industrial location. There is the potential that single-family homes could be developed east of this parcel sometime in the future. The parcel is approximately 20 acres and would cover about 8 acres. The project has a 25-year life span. After 25 years the panels are expected to produce 80% of day one's production. After 25 years, U.S. Solar will need to reapply with Xcel Energy to continue the project. If the project is abandoned U.S. Solar will be responsible for cleaning up the project site. Many townships include a requirement in the agreement that funds will be set aside for cleanup purposes.
- If the city would like to proceed with annexing this property an orderly annexation agreement with Mankato Township would be needed. There is no orderly annexation agreement recorded with the state. The Planning Commission has reviewed this and it was their thought to look at annexation.
- Council discussion included that future plans include to annex this parcel into city limits, but at this time there is no need to do so.
- Council Member White moved, seconded by Mayor Auringer, to provide U.S. Solar with formal written confirmation allowing them to submit a conditional use permit application to Mankato Township. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, White and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

6. Forrest Hasty, Project Manager with MnDOT: Overview of MnDOT Projects Near Eagle Lake

- Mr. Hasty stated for 2021 there will be a Highway 60 Lake Connection project which will be north of the Highway 14/Highway 60 intersection of Eagle Lake to just west of the Highway 13/Highway 60 intersection near Waterville. This will include a full reconstruction through Madison Lake including utilities, curb and gutter, added lighting, and pedestrian upgrade. Traffic will be detoured in phases during the construction which will begin in April.

- In 2023 MnDOT is planning a Highway 169/Highway 22/ Highway 99 St. Peter Project. A dual left turn lane at the intersection of Highway 169/Highway 22 will be constructed as will a restricted crossing U-Turn (J-turn) at the intersection of Highway 169/Highway 99.
  - In 2024 there are plans for a roundabout to be installed at the intersection of Highway 22 and Augusta Drive in Mankato. There are also plans to improve Highway 22 from Mankato to St. Peter to reduce crashes. This will become a three-lane segment road with added passing lanes as well as turn lanes at major access point. Modifications will be made at every intersection along Highway 22.
7. John Jensen with MetroNet Inc.: Letter Agreement for Fiber to Premises Network for Voice, Video, and Internet Services
- Mr. Jensen stated he has spoken with Administrator Bromeland about their services. They are a 100% fiberoptic internet and phone company with the same upload and download speeds for each of their services. Fiberoptic is future proof with virtually unlimited capacity. MetroNet does not ask for any contracts. They will clean up their construction messes and restore right of ways. Construction communications would be provided to residents and their website will have construction information as well as via phone. They would hold weekly meetings with city staff during construction. It is anticipated the build out will take 6-8 weeks with a goal of completing Eagle Lake construction in 2021.
  - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Rohrich, to authorize MetroNet to deliver services to Eagle Lake. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
8. Jeremy Horkey: T-Ball
- Mr. Horkey stated he is interested in organizing the T-ball teams this year with COVID-19 guidelines and is looking for Council approval.
  - Council Member Rohrich moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the organizing of Eagle Lake T-ball. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, White, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposal for MS4 General Permit Park II Application for Reauthorization and Professional Services for Program Development and Implementation of the 2020 MS4 General Permit
- Handled under Presentations.
2. Resolution No. 2021-10: Resolution Approving Plans and Specs and Ordering Advertisement for Bids
- Handled under Presentations.
3. Pricing for New Regency Flow Meter (Public Works)
- Public Works Director Goettl stated the city has a flow meter for the wastewater at the mobile home park which the city maintains and calibrates. The flow meter failed and is obsolete. Quotes from Tech Sales in the amount of \$5,821.35 and First Systems in the amount of \$6,150.00 have been received. Pricing from Tech Sales includes installation.
  - Council Member Terrell explained the purpose of this meter is due to the inflow and infiltration issues at the mobile home park.
  - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to authorize the purchase of the Tech Sales meter. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, White, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  - Council asked that staff check into speeding up installation and to keep them updated on progress.
4. Sale of Old Plow Truck (Public Works)
- Public Works Director Goettl asked Council for authorization to sell the 1985 Ford L-800 plow truck with plow, wing, and sander. The truck has 39,000 miles and is in very good shape. This vehicle has not been used since the purchase of International plow.
  - Council authorized the sale of the 1985 Ford L-800 plow truck, plow, wing and sander.
5. Equipment and Installation for New Police Squad (Police)
- Police Chief Kopp presented pricing from Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc. for equipment and installation needed for the new squad car, in the amount of \$12,861.23.
  - Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Rohrich, to approve the purchase of equipment from Emergency Automotive Technologies in the amount of \$12,861.23. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## 6. COVID-19 and Liquor License Fees

- Administrator Bromeland stated that staff contacted area cities to learn how they handled liquor license fees for bars due to COVID-19 mandated closures.
- Council Member Rohrich moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to reimburse the Eagle's Nest and American Legion 50% of their on-sale liquor license fees, excluding the off-sales license fee. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## 7. High School Internship Opportunity to Assist with Operation of Live Streaming City Council Meetings

- Administrator Bromeland explained that with the purchase of new audio and video equipment to live stream City Council meetings, we need someone to operate the equipment. City staff recently inquired with Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) about the possibility of hiring a student intern to operate the new audio and video equipment. Per a conversation with MAPS teacher, Mary Berg, there is a student that is interested in this opportunity who is currently interning with Bethany Lutheran College in video production. An interview will be held later this week.
- City staff propose that a student intern with MAPS be hired and paid a per meeting stipend of \$40. The cost to hire a student intern would be paid for using miscellaneous funds set aside for unforeseen expenditures such as this with a dedicated line item being established for this purpose in the 2022 budget. It is hoped that the City can establish a long-term partnership with MAPS and utilize a student intern to operate this equipment.
- Council Member Rohrich moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to authorize staff to work with MAPS to hire an intern to work with video production. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Steinberg, Rohrich, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **OTHER**

### 1. Buckthorn Removal Plans for Park (Public Works)

- Public Works Director Goettl explained that with the Eagle Scout project buckthorn, which is an invasive species, was identified in the park. While this is an invasive species, there are no laws requiring its removal. Vien Nguyen, with AmeriCorps, is a Community Forestry person working with the City. She has taken on the buckthorn issue which is a very large project. Public Works Supervisor Andrew Hartman has contacted Eric Olson, with the Blue Earth County's Sentenced to Serve Program. They have worked with other communities on buckthorn in their parks. Staff have also been in contact with the City of Mankato to learn how they handle buckthorn. The sentence to serve program would work on one area at a time if they are available.
- Sentence to Serve would start working on this in the spring when the land dries.
- Administrator Bromeland asked that Vien Nguyen be utilized in the meantime to get started on this and that she is a good resource.

### 2. Communication from Region Nine Development Commission

- Region Nine Development Commission is looking to fill a vacancy on their governing body. Mayor Auringer has expressed interest in this position. If any other Council Members are interested they should contact Region Nine.

### 3. Water Study Update from Consultant

- More information will be provided when received.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### 1. Open Book Meeting Notice

- The open book meeting for the City of Eagle Lake will meet at Blue Earth County Property and Environmental Resources office at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT**

1. Council Member Terrell stated that sometime in April, he would like to see the track get approved first, he will be resigning due to moving to the farm. Discussion included that since Mr. Terrell has served more than half of his term the Mayor is able to appoint a person to fill the vacancy. Information will be released to the public after the April City Council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Rohrich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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Tim Auringer, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk