

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Mark Kuzma  
                            Councilmember Jeff Menth  
                            Councilmember Chris Riley

Also Present:         Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer  
                            City Engineer Bruce Westby  
                            Deputy City Administrator Timothy Gladhill

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Kuzma called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2.     CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**3.     APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Riley and Menth. Voting No: None.

**4.     APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01: Approve August 18, 2020, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 18, 2020

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Riley and Menth. Voting No: None.

**5.     COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Consider Settlement Offer for Water and Sewer Cost Contribution and Reimbursement Agreement; Case of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank**

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill reviewed the staff report and noted that staff acknowledges that there is some risk in accepting this offer. It is possible that there are no fees to reimburse 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank due to lack of development between now and 2026, although that is unlikely. Staff believes that the risk tolerance is low of having a higher reimbursement amount by waiting to see if the Harmony Farms area develops after 2026. It is more likely that the level of development that will occur will result in a reimbursement amount higher than the current settlement amount. Additionally, the settlement amount itself appears to be fairly low. While there is some risk involved, staff believes it to be a fair offer and takes a potentially significant liability off the books.

Chairperson Kuzma asked if the City would be able to recoup additional costs from future build outs if the settlement is accepted.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill confirmed that the City would still be able to recoup additional funds through trunk fee collection in future projects.

Councilmember Menth asked if the additional trunk lines would be added to the green area.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill explained that within the reimbursement area there are sub areas. He noted that while staff feels that this would be an acceptable settlement to accept, there have been ongoing discussions with Lennar related to the area of Harmony Farms. He stated that the trunk lines already exist and therefore the trunk fees would be reimbursed to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank. He explained that in another area, additional trunk lines would be required which would be subtracted from the reimbursement. He noted that those are the two areas likely to develop within the next five years. He stated that there are multiple areas that are more uncertain for development within the next five years but will likely develop in the future.

Councilmember Riley stated that as he understands it, if the City does nothing, the City will get nothing, and it will cost nothing; as developments would happen, they would pay and the City would pay it out.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill confirmed that to be true but noted that the City would receive less of the trunk fees.

Councilmember Riley stated that on the other hand it would appear that if the City were to pay \$70,000 now, as development happens the City would collect funds from the developers that it would keep, which would put the City ahead. He commented that even if development does not happen within the identified time period, it will happen, and the City will be paid back.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill confirmed that to be true.

Councilmember Riley commented that it seems to be an easy decision; if it does nothing, it gets nothing but if it accepts this offer, it would be able to receive additional funds in the long run.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend that the City Council accept the Settlement Offer from 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bank related to the Watermain and Sanitary Sewer Cost Contribution/Reimbursement Agreement not to exceed \$70,000.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Menth and Riley. Voting No: None.

**5.02: Consider Recommendation to City Council Accepting Quotes and Awarding Contract for 16660 Jasper Street Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 19-13**

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept the quote and award a construction contract for 16660 Jasper Street Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 19-13, to Dryden Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$13,929.29.

Councilmember Menth asked if City staff would be staking the property and whether staff has the proper equipment.

City Engineer Westby confirmed that City staff would complete the staking for the project and has the proper equipment to complete construction staking for these types of small projects.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to recommend that the City Council accept the quote and award a construction contract for 16660 Jasper Street Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 19-13, to Dryden Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$13,929.29.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Riley and Menth. Voting No: None.

**5.03: Consider Recommendation to City Council Accepting Quotes and Awarding Contract for 5751 164<sup>th</sup> Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 19-17**

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept the quote and award a construction contract for 5751 164<sup>th</sup> Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 19-17, to Dryden Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$22,827.78.

Councilmember Menth asked if the property to the west of the existing drainage easement and swale north of 164<sup>th</sup> Lane is in danger of being flooded.

City Engineer Westby confirmed that Staff reviewed this and the water would stay within that swale and would not be a danger to that property.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend that the City Council accept the quote and award a construction contract for 5751 164<sup>th</sup> Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 19-17, to Dryden Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$22,827.78 with the construction staking to be completed by Bolton & Menk at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Menth and Riley. Voting No: None.

**5.04: Consider Recommendation to City Council Accepting Quotes and Awarding Contract for 9591 Inverness Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 20-08**

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend that the City Council accept the quote and award a construction contract for 9591 Inverness Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 20-08, to Dryden Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$53,058.77.

Councilmember Riley asked if this project would prevent the water from freezing in the pipe.

City Engineer Westby confirmed that with the greater slope and larger pipe, water should flow through the pipe better and help keep it open.

Councilmember Riley asked if the problem was created through grading of the neighborhood or whether it comes down to the culvert and pipe.

City Engineer Westby explained that it is a combination of a few things. He explained that backyard drainage systems were popular in the past but tend to cause problems. He commented that drainage ditch systems are also more problematic because the slope tends to be altered through sediment accumulation and work in the right-of-way by utilities.

Councilmember Menth asked if Elk River installed this culvert with the Jarvis Street construction.

City Engineer Westby stated that Elk River developed the project plans and constructed the roadway, with Ramsey paying a portion of the cost.

Councilmember Menth commented that the culvert is small and is the high spot in the ditch, which will cause the water to freeze.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend that the City Council accept the quote and award a construction contract for 9591 Inverness Lane Drainage Improvements, Improvement Project 20-08, to Dryden Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$53,058.77 with construction staking to be completed by Bolton & Menk at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Menth and Riley. Voting No: None.

## **6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT**

### **6.01: Staff Updates on Improvement Projects and Items of Interest**

City Engineer Westby provided an update on current and proposed City, County, and MnDOT improvement projects and studies and on other items of interest.

### **6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar**

Councilmember Riley asked for an update on the trail in front of the Ramsey Storage Center.

City Engineer Westby reported that staff continues to work with the property owner to resolve the three issues that exist, noting that the trail is the last item on the list and there should be progress made on the trail soon. He stated that staff will not approve the project or issue a permanent Certificate of Occupancy until the three issues are resolved.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Superintendent

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