

- Call to Order                   The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Acting Mayor Eric Johnson at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call                        Present were Acting Mayor Eric Johnson, Councilmembers Ryan Karasek and Bruce Miller.
- Excused Absent: Mayor ArMand Nelson and Councilmember Kara Terry.
- Staff Present: City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, City Engineer Tim Hanson, Assistant City Engineer Todd Tuominen, City Clerk Roberta Colotti and City Attorney Scott Lepak.
- Approval of Agenda           Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the agenda for (April 11, 2016) the April 11, 2016 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek and Miller. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Motion
- Elm Creek Dam: Live        The Assistant City Engineer reported that the Elm Creek Dam contract amount totals \$5,532,320. Upon Roof, Rain Garden & Irrigation review of the remaining construction work it is expected that the final project cost will come in close to this contract amount. The remaining project contingency for the project totals \$220,496.
- The Assistant City Engineer stated that at the time of Elm Creek Dam project award the bid alternative amount of \$48,350 for the live roof was rejected. He reported that since that time staff has reviewed alternatives for the live roof and irrigation system that would support the greater dam area. It is proposed that the City order the live roof plant materials directly from the supplier and the Public Works Department install the live roof system. The material cost for the live roof, with installation by the City, was quoted at \$23,000.
- The Assistant City Engineer reported that the cost to landscape the rain garden and along the Elm Creek Dam trail area using contracted work is estimated at \$24,000. Instead it is proposed that the City landscape these areas using MN Conservation Corps and Metro Blooms staff and buy the plant materials directly from the supplier. The cost under this scenario is \$14,000.
- The Assistant City Engineer stated that in order to support the live roof, rain garden and future park developments at D.C. Chandler Park it is recommended that irrigation be provided to the area. The work would involve constructing a service point near Chandler Park and extending the irrigation service across the Elm Creek Dam, in conduit. The cost for this work is estimated at \$13,000.
- The Assistant City Engineer recommended that the three projects be completed using Elm Creek Dam Project contingency funds.
- Councilmember Miller asked if volunteer organizations such as the Champlin Garden Club had been approached to install/maintain the live roof.
- The Assistant City Engineer stated that while volunteers are a good idea, Public Works staff received training through Bachman's for the design/installation of the live roof and he believes this training is necessary to the project start-up.
- Councilmember Miller asked if there would be an identification plaque for the live roof.
- The Assistant City Engineer stated that a plaque is not planned for the live roof; however, if the Council wants to install such a sign the City could contract with the Corrections Department vendor that is going to be making the interpretive signs for the Elm Creek Dam.
- Acting Mayor Johnson questioned the impact of this project on the Public Works staff hours.

The Assistant City Engineer stated that two-days are required for the installation.

The City Administrator confirmed that the Public Works Department prefers to be involved on the planning and installation end of the project as they will be the responsible department for the future of the project.

Acting Mayor Johnson referenced the construction video prepared by WSB in the beginning of the project and asked if they would be preparing a video showing the completed project.

The Assistant City Engineer stated that he has been in discussions with WSB regarding the preparation of a completed project video. He noted that they would be adding captions and/or voice overs to enhance the video.

The City Administrator stated that WBS anticipates that the project will be competitive for a design award and a video would be part of that submission as well.

Councilmember Miller asked if additional landscape lighting would be added to the live roof/rain garden or if future plans were in place for this type of lighting.

The City Engineer stated that the electric lines will be installed with the project so that future lighting can be added if desired.

Acting Mayor Johnson confirmed with staff that the remaining balance, after taking approximately \$50,000 from the \$220,496 project contingency fund for these three projects, would leave enough for other possible contingencies.

The Assistant City Engineer stated that he believed the remaining balance would be sufficient given the current project status.

Councilmember Miller asked what the annual plant replacement cost was projected to be for the live roof.

The Assistant City Engineer stated that the plants have a one-year warranty. He added that the design calls for sufficient initial plantings that future additions are not scheduled. He stated that based on the irrigation system design the vendor expects the plants to thrive on the live roof.

**Council Consensus**

It was the consensus of the Council to authorize the use of the project contingency fund and to move forward with the live roof, rain garden/trail landscaping and irrigation system as proposed for the Elm Creek Dam Project.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 6:51 p.m.

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ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

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Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk