

Worksession
March 9, 2015
Municipal Center

- Call to Order The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Acting Mayor Eric Johnson at 6:15 p.m.
- Roll Call Present were, Acting Mayor Eric Johnson and 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.
- Guests Attending: Bret Weiss, WSB President and Don Sterna, WSB Vice-President.
- Approval of Agenda Motion by Councilmember Karasek and seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the agenda for
(March 9, 2015) the March 9, 2015 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Acting Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Karasek and Miller. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Motion
- Elm Creek Dam The Assistant City Engineer provided an overview of the Elm Creek Dam and Flood Mitigation Improvement Project No. 21008. He reviewed the bids including the engineers estimate, list of bidders, bid alternates, requirements of accepting bids/legal recommendations, supplementary agreement, and project financing including legal/engineering/administration/fiscal (LEAF) costs. He reviewed the project funding sources. He reviewed the project schedule.
- The Assistant City Engineer recommended that the contract for the Elm Creek Dam and Flood Mitigation, Improvement Project No. 21008, be awarded to the low bidder, CS McCrossan Construction, Inc. based on the Grand Total Amount of \$6,327,467. The Alternate Bids are recommended to be deleted from the project which will reduce the construction cost to \$5,651,728.
- Councilmember Karasek questioned if the bid alternate work that is not being done with this 2015 project would need to wait until 2017 to be included in the CIP.
- The City Administrator stated that the 2016 budget would be the first opportunity to fund additional projects related to Elm Creek Dam. He stated that several items are eligible for possible grant funding and that the City's match could be budgeted for in 2016.
- Councilmember Miller questioned what would happen to any Hennepin County Turn Back funds that were not spent on the current project.
- The City Administrator stated that the City would retain those funds, likely allocating them to the street infrastructure fund.
- Councilmember Johnson asked how many homes would be removed from the floodplain as a result of this project.
- The Assistant City Engineer stated that approximately 60 acres/20 homes would be removed from the floodplain and that a limited amount of commercial property would also be removed from the floodplain.
- Councilmember Johnson asked what the plan for notifying affected homeowners was.
- The Assistant City Engineer stated that a letter would be sent to impacted property owners explaining the process being followed to remove their property from the floodplain. The City has conditional approval to remove the land from the floodplain but needs final approval once the construction is

completed and the documentation of construction per the plans is submitted.

Councilmember Johnson asked if State funding of this project was tied to any of the alternates that were proposed to be eliminated from the project award.

The Assistant City Engineer stated that the ADA access trail is required under ADA law. This work could be completed as a Change Order or as a supplementary project.

The City Administrator stated that it is the City's intent to complete the ADA access trail.

Councilmember Miller ask the theoretical question of what would happen if the City did not award the project at this time.

The City Administrator stated that in anticipation of this project the City took ownership of the dam last year. So, any future maintenance costs would be the City's. In addition the homeowners within the floodplain would continue to have to pay for flood insurance.

The Assistant City Engineer stated that property owners currently pay over \$100,000 in homeowners insurance.

Councilmember Johnson asked what impact the floodplain reduction would have on the Mississippi Crossing project area.

The City Engineer stated that a section of the Mississippi Crossings project will be removed from the floodplain with this work. Without being removed from the floodplain the developer would be required to mitigate for any fill.

Councilmember Miller asked for confirmation that there was no other area to cut from this project.

The City Administrator stated that if any further cuts were made the three directives of the Council in initiating this project would be impacted.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 6:35 p.m.

ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk