

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special City Council meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th day of November 2020. The following were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council members, Dan Rechtzigel and Tom Gard. Also, present: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Engineer Joe Rhein, Engineer Derek Olinger
Via Teleconference: Richard Nielsen
Absent: John Mortensen

Mayor Henke called the special meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Gard second by Rechtzigel to open the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye
Motion carried 4-0-0.

2020 Red Wing Street Improvement Project – Public Hearing on Assessments

Administrator Vahlsing stated that this Public Hearing was the last step in the special assessment process. Engineer Olinger summarized the Red Wing Avenue project including the scope of improvements, project costs, assessment calculations, and other details.

Councilman Rechtzigel questioned when the 30-day period begins and ends for a home owner to pay off the entire assessment without interest. Olinger stated that the 30 days begin when the resolution is adopted, if that is tonight, then the end date would be December 17.

Matt Maring – 930 & 820 ½ Red Wing Ave.

Maring stated that he supported the rebuilding of the street and Wencil Construction did a great job. Maring owns two properties on Red Wing Avenue. The property at 820 ½ Red Wing Avenue was assessed for \$9,000 nine years ago for water. Now this property is being assessed for \$14,000, which he can live with. The property at 930 Red Wing Avenue is being assessed at \$52,000, which is 83% of the market value. Maring stated he has no intention of installing sewer or water to this property. He understood the preliminary assessment to be a total of \$30,000. Maring has submitted a written objection to this assessment.

Rechtzigel questioned if Maring's concerns should be address tonight or if the Council could revisit and change this assessment later. Olinger stated that the procedure is to adopt the resolution tonight and work with Maring later. This assessment can be changed later.

Victor Hernandez – 530 Red Wing Ave.

Hernandez agreed the new street was needed. He was concerned about his driveway access. The driveway was steep before and he could hardly use it. He hopes it will be better when it is finished. Also, there is a power cord/cable laying on the ground in his yard that he may hit with a snowblower. Olinger will set up an on-site meeting with Hernandez.

Ralph Van Epps – 804 Red Wing Ave.

Van Epps stated that he moved his house onto his lot in 2004. There was water hookup there, but not sewer. He had to install a pump for the sewer. They also installed their own curb and gutter, because the "City wouldn't do anything". He is asking for help with the curb that was replaced. In addition, Van Epps stated that his sprinkler system was damaged by the contractor and not repaired. The sprinkler firm quoted him \$4,000 to fix the sprinkler. Olinger will look at the sprinklers on-site with the contractor. Van Epps said they will pay their taxes, but feels the City owes them something. He appreciated the Council listening to his concerns.

Motion by Gard second by Rechtzigel to close the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Resolution 2020-30 Adopting Red Wing Avenue Assessment Roll

Motion by Gard second by Henke to adopt Resolution 2020-30 Adopting Red Wing Avenue Assessment Roll.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Pay Request #6 – Wencil Construction

Motion by Henke second by Rechtzigel to approve pay request No. 6 to Wencil Construction in the amount of \$467,757.11 for work completed September 26th through October 23, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Rechtzigel second by Gard to adjourn the special Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Henke- Aye, Rechtzigel – Aye, Gard – Aye, Nielsen - Aye

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

Douglas Henke, Mayor