

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the City Council
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue
MINUTES
October 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02pm
- B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS ___ GUSTAFSON __X__ LEEHY __X__
MIAZGA __X__ WEHYEE __X__

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH __X__

- C. PRESENTATION

- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. October 14, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

Motion by Council Member Wehyee,
Approved 4-0.

- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
1. 2021 Pavement Management Project - Order Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications

Luke Sandstrom, Assistant City Engineer

The project would involve mill and overlay of a selection of roads in the city, and some drainage work on Lindig. The project includes an option there to add an additional infiltration basin at a cost of \$70,000, in addition to the 2 catch basins at a cost of \$20,000.

Assessments are based on the frontage of the lots, and the breakdown is based on residential, commercial, and tax-exempt status of the property. Each segment of the project has different rates based on the work involved.

Kevin Bush, Resident at 1804 Lindig Street

In support of the project, but concerned about the additional storm water retention pond and would prefer the 2 catch basins.

Jim Ottney, Resident at corner of Pascal and Garden Avenue

Three years ago we were told that Garden Avenue needed to be redone, but it has not been done and is still not up for improvement in the 2021 project.

City Administrator Thongvanh

At that time, the street was not included in the project because of budgeting concerns and the increased cost for public safety services with the city's shift in contracting from St. Anthony Village to Ramsey County. With guidance from the city engineers, the street still falls within the window of reclaim and not reconstruction. The addition of sidewalks could be an item that the Council reviews in the future.

Peter Glass, Resident at 1748 Tatum Street

Want to find out whether the project would impact some of the drainage issues at the end of the driveway.

City Administrator Thongvanh

We can take a look at the grade with the engineers and let you know.

John Larkin, Resident at 1725 St. Mary Street

The Planning Commission is working on a vacant properties ordinance. We've been in conversation with Xcel Energy about installing excessive flow valves installed on homes, and they recommend doing it at the time of road construction. The City could help notify residents that this work can be done, and communicate how they may request Xcel to do the work.

Letter from Resident at Tatum between Larpenteur and Roselawn, read by Council Member Leehy

Would like Council to consider traffic calming measures as part of the project, including speed bumps to reduce traffic speeds.

Council Member Miazga

I think we should make the speed bumps on Tatum part of the larger research on traffic calming that we are doing city-wide. I do not support the staff recommendation and instead support the \$20,000 option of two catch basins because of the potential increase in costs of other city services including policing.

City Administrator Thongvanh

Funds are already set aside in the storm sewer fund and can only be used for storm sewer improvements. The balance is around \$300,000.

Motion to approve Resolution 20-47 Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the 2021 Pavement Management Project including \$20,000 for the two catch basins and \$70,000 for the infiltration basin by Council Member Leehy.

Approved, 4-0.

F. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. General Disbursements through: 10/22/20 \$127,466.51
Payroll through: 10/15/20 \$18,055.20
2. City License(s)

Approved, 4-0.

G: POLICY ITEMS:

1. 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

Luke Sandstrom, Assistant City Engineer

Tonight, we are looking for a motion to approve the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Agreement with the City of Roseville for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Every year, Roseville bids a large lining project. This involves trenchless cleaning of the main and installation of a liner that allows extending the life of the line without digging up the road.

The City of Roseville does a project every year and if Falcon Heights were to sign onto the agreement, the City of Roseville would administer the contract and complete the work on some streets in the city, and then bill Falcon Heights for their portion of the project.

Mayor Gustafson

Are we close to completing all of the sewer lines in the City after the 2021 project?

City Administrator Thongvanh

No, we still have about one million and a half dollars in work still remaining before the sewer lines will be completed. We are currently doing about \$200,000 worth of work yearly.

Motion to approve 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Agreement by Mayor Gustafson.
Approved, 4-0.

H. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Fire Services Update – Request for Interest (RFI)

City Administrator Thongvanh

I will discuss the letters the City has received with City Council at the Workshop on November 4. My recommendation would be to have each entity present to Council on their services, and present on costs. Staff would look for feedback from Council on the type of community input they would like regarding the proposals.

The City did not receive the funding for the park building that was requested in the Minnesota Bonding Bill. We can continue to submit requests in future years. In the meantime, the City will need to address immediate concerns with the building structural integrity.

Mayor Gustafson

We do have the documents related to the Fire Department RFI on the website for anyone interested.


I. COMMUNITY FORUM:

Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person. Items brought before the Council will be referred for consideration. Council may ask questions for clarification, but no council action or discussion will be held on these items.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 8:57pm


Randall C. Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 28th day of October, 2020


Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator