



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 9/03/2013
REGULAR
ITEM #: 10

AGENDA ITEM: Well No. 4 Connecting Watermain – Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement

SUBMITTED BY: Jack Griffin, City Engineer

THROUGH: Dean A. Zuleger, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Adam Bell, City Clerk
Cathy Bendel, Finance Director
Dave Snyder, City Attorney
Chad Isakson, Project Engineer

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item..... City Engineer
- Report/Presentation City Engineer
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion..... Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion Mayor Facilitates

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider adopting Resolution No. 2013-71 receiving the Feasibility Report and calling for a Public Improvement Hearing to be held on October 1, 2013. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to adopt Resolution No. 2013-71, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing on Improvement for the Well No. 4 Connecting Watermain Improvements.”

STAFF REPORT:

In accordance with the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Plan, watermain will need to be extended along 50th Street and Lake Elmo Avenue, from 50th Street to 43rd Street, to connect Well No. 4 to the City’s existing distribution system. Individual home service stubs and fire hydrants will be installed as a part of the project as the trunk watermain is extended past existing residential properties. The improvements will benefit the property owners by providing them the opportunity to connect to the municipal water system and will provide increased fire protection for the property. The feasibility report is necessary to satisfy the state required process to assess the benefiting property owners if the City wishes to levy assessments as part of the project.

Similar to the Keats MSA Street and Trunk Watermain Improvements, this project is being installed as part of the overall water system capital improvement plan, and not as a project to specifically deliver municipal water to the adjacent properties. Therefore the adjacent properties are not required to pay 100% of the infrastructure extension costs as is seen in other utility extension projects, but the properties will receive benefit. The feasibility report and subsequent public hearings will be completed at the same time as the design of the watermain extension.

Staff will present the findings and recommendations of the Feasibility Report at the meeting including an option to assess a \$5,800 lateral benefit charge to ten (10) benefitting properties along the improvement corridor, and a second option to assess one half that amount, or \$2,900 lateral benefit charge at the time of the project while deferring the remaining \$2,900 to be collected if and when the property chooses to connect to the City water system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2013-71, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing on Improvements for the Well No. 4 Connecting Watermain Improvements. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to adopt Resolution No. 2013-71, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing on Improvement for the Well No. 4 Connecting Watermain Improvements.”

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution 2013-71 Receiving the Feasibility Report for the Well No. 4 Connecting Watermain Improvements and Calling Hearing on Improvement.
2. Notice of Hearing on Improvement.
3. Project Schedule.
4. Location Map.
5. Feasibility Report *(available for review at City Hall)*