



**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

DATE: 11/06/2013

**REGULAR**

ITEM #: 14

**AGENDA ITEM:** Lake Elmo Avenue Trunk Watermain Improvements – 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

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**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. 2013-93 receiving the Feasibility Report and calling for a Public Improvement Hearing to be held on December 3, 2013. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

***“Move to adopt Resolution No. 2013-93, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing on Lake Elmo Avenue Trunk Watermain Improvements.”***

**STAFF REPORT:**

In September, 2013 the City received a written request to have municipal water available by the fall of 2014 to serve two active residential development projects and one pending commercial development. In response to this request, the City Council authorized the preparation of a feasibility study to be completed in order to identify the necessary improvements, the estimated project costs, and to consider the assessment of a portion of the project costs to properties adjacent to and benefitting from the improvements.

The proposed improvements include the extension of trunk watermain along Lake Elmo Avenue, from the existing Village water system, south approximately 2.5 miles to the future intersection location of Lake Elmo Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The improvements are identified for construction in 2014 and are consistent with the draft capital improvement plan.

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.

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.

Staff will present the findings and recommendations of the Feasibility Report at the meeting. The report identifies 32 resident properties (1 unit each) and 1 commercial property (3 units) as benefiting from the proposed improvements. It is recommended each benefiting property be assessed a \$2,900 lateral benefit for the improvements, with an additional \$2,900 lateral benefit charge deferred until the property chooses to connect to the water system.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommending that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2013-93, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing on Lake Elmo Avenue Trunk Watermain Improvements. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

***“Move to adopt Resolution No. 2013-93, receiving the Feasibility Report and calling Hearing on Lake Elmo Avenue Trunk Watermain Improvements.”***

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Resolution 2013-93, Receiving the Feasibility Report for the Lake Elmo Avenue Trunk 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*)