



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 10/01/2013

REGULAR

ITEM #: 12

AGENDA ITEM: 2014 Street Improvements – Authorize Preparation of a Feasibility Report
SUBMITTED BY: Jack Griffin, City Engineer
THROUGH: Dean A. Zuleger, City Administrator
REVIEWED BY: Adam Bell, City Clerk
Cathy Bendel, Finance Director
Ryan Stempski, Assistant City 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 authorizing FOCUS Engineering to prepare a Feasibility Report for the 2014 Street Improvements in the estimated amount of \$13,000. The report will satisfy Chapter 429 requirements to specially assess benefiting properties. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to approve Resolution No. 2013-85, Ordering preparation of a Feasibility Report for the 2014 Street Improvements.”

STAFF REPORT:

In accordance with the proposed 2014-2018 Street Capital Improvement Plan (Street CIP), the following local streets represent the most essential and project ready street improvements for implementation in 2014. The streets include:

Anticipated Street Reclamation possible (30% Assessment Rate):

- 24th Street North, from Lake Elmo Avenue to Legion Avenue,
- 24th Street Court North,
- Lansing Avenue North,
- 20th Street Court North,
- Legion Avenue North, from 20th Street to 24th Street.

Anticipated Street Microsurfacing possible (Assessments would not apply):

- 20th Street North, from Lake Elmo Avenue to Manning Trail.

Anticipated Street Reconstruction required (30% Assessment Rate):

- Manning Trail North, from CSAH 15 (Manning Avenue) to city limits,
- Deer Pond Trail North, Hidden Bay Trail to Jack Pine Trail,
- Deer Pond Court North.

In order to initiate this improvement the Council must direct the preparation of a feasibility report as required by the statutory process for public improvements that are specially assessed. The report will advise on the scope of recommended improvements for each local street; provide estimated project costs of the recommended improvements; identify easements or right-of-way, permits, and other requirements of other local agencies needed to implement the improvements; recommend whether the improvements should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement; and advise if the improvements are necessary, cost effective, and feasible. The Report will also provide a proposed preliminary assessment roll for each of the benefitting properties based upon the City's Special Assessment Policy for Local Improvements, dated November 2010.

The improvements will likely include various types of street improvements dependent upon the existing conditions found in each neighborhood or segment, including full street reconstruction, street reclamation, microsurfacing with patching, storm sewer replacement and upgrades, and the addition of concrete curb and gutter or ribbon curb as deemed appropriate. Water quality improvements, including potential rain gardens, will be evaluated as necessary to meet VBWD permitting requirements.

A proposed project schedule for the 2014 Street Improvements is attached. In order to be in a position to complete the improvements during the 2014 construction season, it is necessary to begin the feasibility report at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council authorize FOCUS Engineering, Inc. to prepare a Feasibility Report for the 2014 Street Improvements in the estimated amount of \$13,000. The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to approve Resolution No. 2013-85, Ordering preparation of a Feasibility Report for the 2014 Street Improvements.”

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution No. 2013-85, Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Report
2. 2014 Street CIP Location Map
3. 2014 Street Improvements – Project Schedule