



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 2, 2014

REGULAR

ITEM # 14

AGENDA ITEM: 2835 Legion Avenue – Request to Connect to Legion Avenue 201 Wastewater System (Old Village Remote A)

SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Stempski, Assistant City Engineer

THROUGH: Dean A. Zuleger, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Jack Griffin, City Engineer
Cathy Bendel, Finance Director
Mike Bouthilet, Public Works

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item.....City Engineer
- Report/PresentationCity 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

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Engineering/Public Works

FISCAL IMPACT: None

The property owner at 2835 Legion Avenue will be required to pay an up-front system buy-in cost of \$7,520; will need to obtain a sewer connection permit and pay the permit fee; and will be required to extend and connect to the City 201 Wastewater System at their own cost. Upon connection, the property owner will be billed the applicable wastewater system user charges.

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider a request from Scott and Cindy Baerman at 2835 Legion Avenue to connect to the City's 201 Wastewater System located along Legion Avenue. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

“Move to approve an Assessment Agreement for 2835 Legion Avenue to Connect to the 201 Wastewater System (Old Village Remote A).”

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City was recently contacted by Scott Baerman, property owner at 2835 Legion Avenue, regarding ongoing performance issues with his septic system. The property owner referenced a non-compliant Septic System Compliance Report by Inspect Minnesota & Midwest Soil Testing dated May 6, 2009. This report identified issues with bottomless tanks, a lack of three foot separation between the bottom of the seepage bed and seasonally saturated soils. The system is referenced as an imminent threat to public health and safety because of the unsafe manhole covers.

The property owner was given the following three options by Washington County:

1. Replace the system in its entirety.
2. Abandon the current system and install holding tanks. The holding tanks will be a temporary measure until City sewer becomes available in the future.
3. Hook up to the City 201 Wastewater System.

An Assessment Agreement to connect the City 201 Wastewater System was drafted and provided to the property owner. The system buy-in cost was determined by staff by using the assessment costs charge to current system users at the time the system was constructed and indexing those costs to today's dollar amounts. Upon review of this agreement, the property owner has formally requested permission to connect to this system pursuant the terms of the Assessment Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the City Council approve an Assessment Agreement for 2835 Legion Avenue to connect to the City 201 Wastewater System. The recommended motion for the action is as follows:

“Move to approve an Assessment Agreement for 2835 Legion Avenue to Connect to the 201 Wastewater System (Old Village Remote A).”

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Legion Avenue 201 Wastewater System (Old Village Remote A) Record Drawing.
2. Assessment Agreement
3. Septic System Compliance Report by Inspect Minnesota & Midwest Soil Testing, dated May 6, 2009.