



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: September 16, 2014
CONSENT
ITEM# 13

AGENDA ITEM: Request for approval to abate interest on two street assessments levied in 2014 (Interest only)

SUBMITTED BY: Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

THROUGH: Cathy Bendel, Finance Director

REVIEWED BY: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item City Administrator
- Report/Presentation.....City Administrator
- Questions from Council to Staff Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Washington County/Finance

FISCAL IMPACT: \$270

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: As part of the Consent Agenda, the City Council is respectfully requested to consider approval to remove the interest assessed to parcels 05.029.21.41.0005 and 05.029.21.41.0006 from the 2014 assessment roll with Washington County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/STAFF REPORT: Washington County recently notified the Finance Director that the State of Minnesota does not pay penalties, interest or costs unless specifically provided for by law. The mentioned parcels are owned by the Minnesota DNR.

Since the Finance Director was unaware of this exception for state of Minnesota parcels, the assessments were filed with interest to be calculated by the County, as for all other assessments. As a result, an abatement form needs to be filed with the County in order to remove the interest from their account. This will also update their file going forward so that no interest is calculated on the remaining installments due on this assessment.

RECOMMENDATION: Based on the fact that the State of Minnesota does not pay interest on assessments, it is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 2014-70 so that an abatement of the assessments can be filed with Washington County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. DNR Letter to Washington County requesting an abatement
2. Email from Washington County requesting an abatement form
3. Resolution 2014-70
4. WA Cty abatement form for 05.029.21.41.0005
5. WA Cty abatement form for 05.029.21.41.0006