MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: **October 7, 2014**
CONSENT ITEM# **10**

AGENDA ITEM: Ball Field Fencing at VFW and Reid Parks

SUBMITTED BY: Alyssa MacLeod, Taxpayer Relations & Communications Coordinator

THROUGH: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Mike Bouthilet, Public Works Superintendent

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: Park Commission

FISCAL IMPACT: $11,584 in parkland dedication funds

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:
As part of its Consent Agenda, the City Council is asked to authorize the expenditure of $11,584 in parkland dedication funds to replace and improve the fencing and backstops at the VFW and Reid Park ball fields. If removed from the consent agenda, the recommended motion for this action is as follows:

"Move to approve the expenditure of $11,584 in parkland dedication funds for ball field improvements at VFW Park and Reid Park"

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
The replacement/improvement of ball field facilities is part of routine maintenance. Current condition of the parks includes disintegration of materials including the rusting, breaking, and curling of fencing.

The VFW backstop, and first and third base line fences are more than 30 years old. The outfield fencing at VFW was replaced and upgraded 8 years ago. The backstop at Reid is approximately 20 years old. Although the posts are sound and reusable, the fabric needs to be replaced, due to deterioration.

Costs for proposed improvements will be defrayed by contributions from Lake Elmo Baseball (See attachment for cost details).

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff is recommending that the City Council authorizes the expenditure of $11,584 in parkland dedication funds to replace and improve the fencing and backstops at the VFW and Reid Park ball fields. If removed from the consent agenda, the recommended motion for this action is as follows:

"Move to approve the expenditure of $11,584 in parkland dedication funds for ball field improvements at VFW Park and Reid Park."

ATTACHMENT:
1. Ball field improvement cost breakdown