

CITY OF LAKE ELMO
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT
WELL NO. 4 CONNECTING WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Lake Elmo will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at or approximately after 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment against abutting property for the Well No. 4 Connecting Watermain Improvements. Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment may occur at the hearing. The following describes the area proposed to be assessed:

- The amount to be specially assessed against each particular lot, piece, or parcel of land receiving an individual service stub located along 50th Street, from the Well 4 site to Lake Elmo Avenue, and along Lake Elmo Avenue, from 50th Street to 43rd Street, is \$2,900.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor on November 21, 2014, pay the entire assessment on such property to the City Clerk with interest accrued to the date of payment. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid to the City Clerk 30 days from the adoption of this assessment. You may at any time thereafter, pay to the City Clerk the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 (date assessment certified to County Auditor) or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is 4.61 percent per year.

Once assessments are certified to the County, the assessments are payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of 15 years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the first Monday in January 2015, and will bear interest at the rate of 4.61 percent per annum from the date of adoption of the assessment resolution. To the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2014. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed watermain improvement assessment is \$29,000. *The City contribution for the watermain improvement project is \$521,000.* Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

The City Council is authorized in its discretion to defer the payment of an assessment for any homestead property owned by a person for whom it would be a hardship to make payment if the owner is 65 years of age or older and/or the owner is a person retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability or by a person who is a member of the Minnesota National Guard or other military reserves who is ordered into active military service, as defined in section 190.05 subdivision 5b or 5c, as stated in the person's military orders, for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. The owner must request a deferment of the assessment at or before the public hearing at which the assessment is adopted and make application on forms prescribed by the City Clerk within 30 days after the adoption.

Notwithstanding the standards and guidelines established by the City for determining a hardship, a deferment of an assessment may be obtained pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 435.193.

DATED: September 16, 2014

BY ORDER OF THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

Mike Pearson, Mayor

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