



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MINUTES

September 17, 2018

5:30 – 6:30pm

1) Call to Order

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present – Council: Mayor Lisa Whalen, Pam Mortenson, Mike Molitor, Shannon Bruce and John Tschumperlin; Staff: City Administrator Michael Barone, Finance Director Brian Grimm, Community Development Direct David Abel, Director of Administration Cassandra Tabor, Public Works Superintendent Gary Peters and City Clerk Kris Linquist; Consultant: City Engineer Alyson Fauske and Assistant City Engineer Adam Gadbois, WSB Associates.

Absent: Director of Public Safety Paul Falls

City Administrator introduced the new City Engineer Alyson Fauske and Assistant City Engineer Adam Gadbois both from WSB.

2) Highland Road Bridge Rough Fish Barrier

Anna Brown with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) overviewed the MCWD's proposal to install a rough fish barrier at the Highland Road Bridge in Six Mile Creek.

Highlights included:

- MCWD has been recommended for a grant in the amount of \$567,000 from the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council to restore 2,488 acres of deep shallow lake habitat, and provide water quality improvements, by controlling carp in the Six Mile Creek Halsted Bay Sub watershed.
- MCWD began implementation of the management activities on July 1, 2018.
- MCWD's strategy involves a barrier and carp trap in between Mud Lake and Halsted Bay, which is a very heavily used carp migration corridor.
- Halsted Bay has over 600,000 pounds of carp, requiring the highest amount of carp for removal in the whole sub watershed. It is also the most degraded bay on Lake Minnetonka. This fish barrier/trap becomes the centerpiece of their carp management strategy.
- MCWD is requesting the City non-exclusively assign easement rights to the District.
- MCWD will be negotiating an agreement with the fee owner.

Molitor inquired if the District had a plan in place for removing the debris from the barrier. Brown stated that the District would be responsible for removal of debris.

There was discussion on how the trapping takes place and the monitoring of carp population after the initial trapping takes place.

There was discussion on whether the City would be financially responsible for any of the maintenance associated with the barrier. Abel stated that would be discussed during the drafting of the agreement but thought it would be minimal if any.

Mayor Whalen inquired about phosphorus treatment of the waters. Brown explained the process that would take place after the carp have been trapped and the water tested.

Tschumperlin wanted to know what happens to the carp after they have been harvested. Brown explained the many options of what could be done with the harvested carp.

The consensus of the Council was to move forward with drafting an agreement and to have it presented at a future Council meeting.

3) Jerry Forster Utility Bill Discussion

Finance Director Grimm briefly overviewed the Utility Bill issue at 3917 Covey Trail. He also explained that utility bills can vary from quarter to quarter due to the use of irrigation systems, general water usage and the weather.

Public Works Superintendent Peters explained that the meters typically do not have glitches.

Mayor Whalen questioned if the meter had been tested. Peters stated that it was tested and no issues were found.

Tschumperlin inquired how the meters are read. Peters explained the process in which the Public Works department reads the meters each quarter.

Barone cited the National Weather report for April, May and June of 2018 and commented that it was dry and warmer weather during that time.

Bruce commented that she doesn't feel that there has been proof presented that would warrant compensation to the resident.

Mortenson commented that in looking back over previous years, the usage was similar. She feels that the usage was due to a dry quarter.

The consensus of the Council was that there was no evidence provided that the meter was faulty, therefore, no credit or compensation is warranted.

Mortenson requested that the Council re-evaluate the Burning Permit issued by the City at a future Work Session meeting.

4) Adjourn

Motion by Bruce, seconded by Molitor to adjourn the Work Session Meeting.
Motion carried 5-0. Absent: None

Mayor Whalen adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Linquist, MMMC, CMC
City Clerk