CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.  Present:  Mayor Dingle; Council Members Foote, Jones, Swenson, and Zenner.  Also present: City Administrator Walsh, City Engineer Dawley and City Clerk Ornquist.  Pledge of allegiance said by all.

MINUTES:

Motion by Swenson, second by Zenner to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019, regular meeting—waive reading of same.  Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:  None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A.  Acknowledge receipt of Commission Minutes

- Parks & Recreation Commission—April 11, 2019

B.  Approve Mutual Aid Agreement of the Fire Departments of Washington County and the Fire Departments of St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

Motion by Swenson, second by Jones to approve the consent agenda items listed above.  Motion carried 5-0.

BROWNIE TROOP 57688—LITTLE LIBRARY PROPOSAL:

On behalf of Brownie Troop 57688, Evelyn addressed the Council with a little library proposal to be located at Axelrod Park next to the park monument under a street lamp. The Brownie Troop attends Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion School and is completing a service project aimed at increasing access to books for people in their community. The proposal includes a five-year maintenance commitment.

It was the consensus of the Council to accept their proposal with thanks and appreciation and to work with Public Works Supervisor Dionisopoulos regarding the installation of the library.

MATT MOORE—SOUTH WASHINGTON WATERSHED DISTRICT UPDATE:

Matt Moore, Administrator of SWWD gave a brief update of the accomplishments of 2018 and work plan for 2019. Also in attendance was Board Manager Chapdelaine.

Currently the Watershed District is working on their Resiliency Planning and looking at vulnerabilities within the cities (i.e., stormwater, flooding) in hopes to identify projects they can assist the cities in the future. The City is assisting the Watershed District through the 2019 Street Project by making connections at the school for water quality—the schools’ water quality project called “Greening their Campuses”. The Watershed District is working with Newport landowners along the river by creating a buffer of native vegetation and working towards St. Paul Park. Finally, the Watershed District completed the Grey Cloud Island Project, seeing great benefits.

PUBLIC HEARING—2019 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ASSESSMENT HEARING:

City Engineer Dawley gave a brief presentation outlining the project area, improvements, costs, funding, special assessments, and schedule.
The Project area:
- 9th Avenue from 2nd Street to Summit Avenue
- Alley between Holley Avenue and Ashland Avenue from 13th Avenue to Pullman Avenue

The proposed roadway reconstruction consists of removal of the existing bituminous pavement, subgrade correction, concrete curb and gutter replacement, new pavement installation, sanitary sewer watermain, and storm sewer improvements. The extension of the sidewalk from 3rd Street to Summit Avenue and a pedestrian crossing at the railroad. The proposed improvement within the alley area include the existing pavement removal, subgrade correction, aggregate base class 5 and new bituminous pavement installation.

The cost of the project is $2,877,258.71 of which $445,140.53 is proposed to be specially assessed. The cost of the alley has been divided equally among the 18 property owners.

The schedule is to hold the Assessment Hearing, with construction to begin late May, alley reconstruction in mid to late July with substantial completion in September.

Mayor Dingle closed the regular Council Meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. The reading of the Public Hearing Notice was waived. There being no one to give testimony, Mayor Dingle closed the public portion of the hearing and opened for Council discussion.

- Adopt Resolution No. 1579, a resolution adopting the Assessment Roll for the 2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project.

  Motion by Swenson, second by Foote to adopt Resolution No. 1579, a resolution adopting the Assessment Roll for the 2019 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Motion carried 5-0.

KEVIN WALSH:
A. Water Treatment Facility

City Engineer Dawley informed the Council that four bids were received. The funding for this project will be coming from MPCA as part of the 3M Settlement which will cover almost all the cost of the project. Alternate #1 is a minor upgrade in the amount of $28,000 to facilitate operations of the plant. Staff is recommending award of contract to the low bidder—Magney Construction, Inc. with the addition of Alternate #1.

City Administrator Walsh informed Council Member Jones that there were three alternate bids, staff is recommending Alternate #1 be accepted along with the base bid.

City Engineer Dawley briefly explained that Bid Alternate #1 includes pressure transmitters and new magnetic flow meters at Wells 2, 3, and 4 and a new well drawdown transducer at Well 4. This work is not covered by the 3M Settlement. As recommended by Public Works Supervisor Dionisopoulos this upgrade would enhance the long-term operation and operability of the plant itself. Bid Alternate #2 is related to Well #2, which is not included in the 3M Settlement. Bid Alternate #3 is more of a value engineering exercise to see what the cost savings would be for specific valves within the plant.

City Engineer Dawley informed Council Member Swenson that the anticipated start day will be late-May before Memorial Day, because it typically it takes 2-3 weeks to prepare contracts. This project timeline differs from street projects in which the original work to prepare the site will begin in May with a lag time to pre-fabricate the tanks and filters. Substantial interior
work will continue inside the plant with a proposed completion date of February 2020.

- Consider bids, including Bid Alternative 1 and amend budget as necessary.

Motion by Mayor Dingle, second by Zenner to award the bid to Magney Construction, Inc. including Bid Alternate #1 with a contract amount of $5,207,400; and amend budget as necessary. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:

A. Council Member Jeff Swenson

- Public Works Commission
  ⇒ Hydrant Flushing has begun today, May 6, for two weeks. Residents should watch for discolored water before doing laundry and to run cold water only for 10-15 minutes until clear.

  ⇒ Compost is open for the season. Hours of operation is Saturdays from 8:00 – 4 p.m. The compost will be open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through May.

B. Council Member Jones

- Public Safety Commission
  ⇒ Next meeting to be held June 6, 2019 at 7 p.m.

  ⇒ Police Department Open House is set for Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be activities for the whole family including free hotdogs, chips, and beverage.

C. Mayor Dingle

- Planning Commission
  ⇒ Next meeting to be held May 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.

D. Council Member Zenner

- Parks & Recreation Commission
  ⇒ Commission met on May 2 with spirited discussions.

  ⇒ Weed Pulling Event set for May 9 at 6 p.m. at Riverside Park. Volunteers needed.

  ⇒ Movie in the Park set for June 8 at Dingle Park beginning at dusk

  ⇒ Art & Garden Event set for June 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Garden

  ⇒ Next meeting to be held June 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.

E. Council Member Foote

- Heritage Days Committee
  ⇒ Committee met on April 22 in which both Zenner and Foote attended in addition to new attendees.

  ⇒ This year’s theme is “Fast Times on Broadway”. Total Mechanical has been named Business of the Year.

  ⇒ Howie Tellin has been named Grand Marshal; many know him for his bugle performances.

  ⇒ Next meeting to be held Monday, May 13, 2109 at 7 p.m.
F. Mayor Dingle

- Administration
  ⇒ Recycling Day set for June 1 from 8 a.m. to Noon in the City Hall parking lot. JR Appliance will be collecting appliances, electronics, tires for a small fee.

  ⇒ Attended the Mayor Conference which included a tour of the Stillwater prison; during the visit they met with a panel of prisoners to discuss the barriers of returning into society. Conference topics also included Economic Development, Workforce Readiness, funding/programs for Technical (skilled trade) Degrees, and shortages of Day Cares.

  ⇒ Attended a CAV (Connecting Automated Vehicles) meeting, which plays well with her role she holds with the Red Rock Corridor and the Great River Rail Commission

  ⇒ Visited the Capitol and met with both Senators Senjem and Goggin to advocate dollars for the second passenger train to Chicago.

  ⇒ The St. Paul Park Newport Lions weekly car show is held on Thursdays, downtown Broadway Avenue from 5 p.m. to dusk.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: $401,090.78

  Motion by Jones, second by Zenner to approve the bills in the amount of $401,090.78. Motion carried 5-0.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION—PROCLAIMING MAY 24, 2019 AS “POPPY DAY”:

Mayor Dingle read the Proclamation and proclaimed May 24, 2019 as “Poppy Day”. She encouraged all citizens to pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by purchasing a poppy on May 24.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Member Zenner announced that the Fire Department is hosting a blood drive on May 18 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please reserve a spot by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and enter SPPFD.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

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Sharon Ornquist
City Clerk