

EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 2012

The East Bethel City Council met on September 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM for their regular meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob DeRoche Richard Lawrence Heidi Moegerle
Steve Voss

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Boyer

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Davis, City Administrator
Craig Jochum, City Engineer
Andrew Pratt, Acting City Attorney

Call to Order **The September 19, 2012 City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lawrence at 7:30 PM.**

Adopt Agenda **Moegerle made a motion to adopt the September 19, 2012 City Council agenda. Voss seconded. Lawrence made an amendment to the agenda Item G.3 2013 Budget – Ask staff to review the proposed budget and bring back a budget that has a levy with a zero increase. This report shall be brought back to Council by October 17th. We are looking for any fat trimming we can do to get that to zero. Moegerle, “Isn’t that our job?” Voss asked are you making a motion to add this to the agenda? Lawrence, “Yes, I am making a motion to add this to the agenda.” Moegerle seconded the amendment. DeRoche, “I am curious as to why we would ask staff to reduce the budget? Wasn’t that one of the options we had in our packet a week ago?” Moegerle, ‘My point was the way G.3 is stated is to have the staff reduce the budget. I am just saying isn’t that Council’s job to determine what should be reduced? And so shouldn’t we come with our list of what needs to be cut? That is the point I was making. But we can discuss that when we get there.’ **Vote on the amendment. DeRoche, Lawrence and Moegerle, aye; Voss, nay; motion carries. Lawrence call for the vote on the motion to adopt the agenda as amended; all in favor, motion carries.****

Sheriff’s Report Lieutenant Orlando gave the August 2012 report as follows:

Fatal Accident: On August 18th at 4:32 a.m. deputies were called to the scene of a fatal motor vehicle/pedestrian crash on Viking Blvd at Vickers. The pedestrian had been laying on the roadway prior to being struck. The pedestrian was deceased at the scene. It is unknown at this time if alcohol was involved on the part of the pedestrian. The crash is under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Division as well as the State Patrol. Since then we have had a double fatal crash Viking at Rendova. That was a car versus motorcycle crash on Sunday. It did involve alcohol on the part of the driver of the car. I am not sure if alcohol was involved in the part of the motorcycle driver, I have not heard that. The driver of vehicle decided to do a u-turn abruptly in roadway and the motorcycle had nowhere to go and struck her. Earlier in May we had a fatality in the 2200 block of Viking. Which is not exactly the same area, but it is close. That one involved a driver of a vehicle that rear ended a semi that had pulled over on the side of the road. The question came up is there some road design flaw that is causing this. We also had one in April on Viking and Breezy Point Drive where a bicycle was struck by a car. However, I did go back several years and found one fatal crash. Other than normal property damage didn’t find anything more. I don’t think it is

due to roadway design.

Accidents: Two accidents that occurred on Hwy 65 at the 21000 block. One accident involved a vehicle rear-ending another vehicle that was stopped in traffic. The driver of the rear ended vehicle got out and began to yell at the other driver, causing another accident from a male watching the drivers, to rear end another vehicle.

DWI Arrests: There were four DWI arrests for the month of August. Two of the arrests stemmed from being stopped for driving conduct. One arrest was the result of a roll over crash. The other arrest was the result of an intoxicated driver located sleeping in his vehicle, while parked upon the roadway. The male, upon being woken, thought he was in Mora. This male tested at a .28 BAC.

Burglaries: There were two reported burglaries for August. One involved items being taken out of a garage, unknown how entry was made. The second involved items and copper pipe missing from a shed.

Property Damage: There were five reports of damage to property. One report involved a domestic situation where property was damaged. One report involved vandalism to a jet ski. One report involved damage to the playground equipment at Norseland Manor community park, where the equipment had been spray painted and wood chips set on fire. One report involved damage to a vehicle that was parked in a driveway overnight. The final report involved damage to a vehicle that occurred at a bar as a result of a fight in the parking lot.

Thefts: There were 22 theft reports taken in August. Eight reports involved thefts of items from vehicles parked in driveways. One male had his ignition interlock breath testing machine stolen. There were two reports of thefts of gas from a gas tank located on a farm on two different days. One report involved the theft of outgoing mail from a mailbox. One report involved a credit card theft. There were two reports of gas no-pays. One theft report that was very interesting involved a female who was selling her father's vehicle and was contacted on Facebook by a male who was interested in buying it. The male came and took the vehicle for a test drive, but did not return in 15 minutes as he said he would. The female called him and he advised that he no longer had the vehicle and had sold it to another male. The female was given the phone number of the second male and she contacted him. He advised that the male had given him the vehicle for \$500 in marijuana and he refused to meet with the female unless she paid the \$500 to him. The vehicle was entered as stolen. A few days later, while the female was in Minneapolis, she sees her vehicle. She goes and takes it back home. She then is contacted by the Facebook male, saying he now has the money and wants to still buy the vehicle. The female, wisely, chooses to tell him she is not interested in any sale to him.

Lawrence, "Do we have any reason why the person was laying on the road?" Lt. Orlando "No." Moegerle, "But he had a history of that, didn't he?" Lt. Orlando, "there had been two other incidents where he had been found lying in the road." DeRoche, "I have been driving Viking for 30+ years. I would agree that it is not a design flaw in the road. Most of these accidents have been due to speed. There are patrols going up and down there." Lt. Orlando, "It is a highly traveled road. It is a very nice road to get from point A to point B." DeRoche, "Are you driving through Fatboys and making sure no one is in there that shouldn't be?" Lt. Orlando, "Yes we are."

agenda. There were no comments so the Public Forum was closed.

Consent
Agenda

Voss motion to approve the Consent Agenda including: A) Approve Bills; B) Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2012, Regular Meeting; C.) Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2012, Work Meeting; D) Approve Liquor Licenses for Smokey's Pub & Grill (formerly Coon Lake Tap & Grill dba: Purple Reign); E) Resolution 2012-56 Setting Public Hearing Date – Delinquent Accounts; F) Award Insurance Agent Services Contract; G) Pay Estimate #1 to North Valley, Inc. for the Coon Lake Beach and Miscellaneous Overlay Projects; H) Acceptance of SCBA Compressor Bid; I) ~~Finishing Touch – Letter of Credit (LOC) #5465.~~ DeRoche would like to pull Item D) Approve Liquor Licenses for Smokey's Pub & Grill (formerly Coon Lake Tap & Grill dba: Purple Reign). Moegerle would like to pull Item I) Finishing Touch –Letter of Credit (LOC) #5465. Moegerle seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Item – D)
Approve
Liquor
Licenses for
Smokey's Pub
& Grill

Item – D) Approve Liquor Licenses for Smokey's Pub & Grill - Davis explained that there is one item that still needs to be submitted for this license and that is the submission of a pumpers report for the septic system. Staff recommends approval of this contingent on that submission. DeRoche, "These three gentlemen have purchased the bar, or are going to purchase it, correct? I have a couple questions and one does relate to the septic. For well over a year there was urine coming up through the floor in the men's room and I don't know if that issue has been addressed? Personally, I find that to be unhealthy. I am also curious what the new owner's plans for the place are?"

Chris Liebel of 1999 Eugene Street, White Bear Lake, "We currently own a catering company. So we plan on opening the kitchen back up and bringing good food back into the community. We have looked at quite a few places and we like the community there. We have heard of issues with the septic. It will be inspected, have a really good inspection. And part of our contingency of purchasing is passing the inspections. We will sit down with the current owner and something like this I think we would ask to have fixed and brought into compliance." DeRoche, "How about the well?" Liebel, "He had work done last week on the well." DeRoche, "Has it been tested?" Liebel, "We just paid for the test. We are having that done ourselves." DeRoche, "Because I know the water in there has a really nasty taste." Liebel, "I have talked to the County Health Inspector and he is going to go out there with us next week." DeRoche, "I am not trying to move you away from that bar. Good food is something they really need. They had it years back and when they did, it was a booming business. Then as soon as it changed owners, everything changed." Moegerle, "And we are also very interested in septic system compliance, so that is part of the pumping. But we also want to make sure the system is functional." Liebel, "As do we."

DeRoche made a motion to approve Item D) Approve Liquor Licenses for Smokey's Pub & Grill (formerly known as Coon Lake Tap & Grill) contingent on the proper submission of reports on the septic system and submission of certificate of coverage for insurance. Moegerle seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Jack Raymond, 2370 Taylor Avenue, White Bear Township, "How do we get that information to you?" Davis, "You will have to get that from the Anoka County Health Department; they are the ones that did the last inspection on that. And there were letters sent out last November and December indicating this system hadn't been pumped for seven years. The City required that to be done. We never received a copy of the pumpers report." DeRoche, "I don't recall that it was done. I thought we gave them until the spring." Davis, "That was the schedule. But there was someone that said it was pumped. And they had a

receipt, but we don't have the receipt and we don't accept receipts as proof. We have to have the pumpers report. When the county inspected this, they listed a few issues with the well, and the septic needed to be pumped. But because of the timing they were given until spring to comply with the pumping directive. So contact the gentleman at the county that you are working with on the well, and he should have a copy of the pumping report and should be able to get that to us. Otherwise, you will have to get a pumper to come out there, pump the system, check it and give us the pumpers report."

Item I)
Finishing
Touch –Letter
of Credit
(LOC) #5465

Item I) Finishing Touch –Letter of Credit (LOC) #5465 - Davis explained that this involves a Letter of Credit for Finishing Touch's landscape which is located north on Hwy 65 between 233rd and 237th Avenues. There are items they haven't completed and they were supposed to have been completed in 2011. In 2011, we did grant them an extension on of the Letter of Credit to complete the landscaping items. With the staff inspection that was done approximately two weeks ago it was indicated that these items are still not completed. We sent a letter at that time that the items needed to be completed by September 21st or the city would draw down on the Letter of Credit to complete these items. One of the owners did approach us this morning and indicated that they would have this completed by this Friday. However, we are still recommending that the Letter of Credit be extended another year and they give us proof of that so that we will have at least a growing season (if they have everything planted by Friday) to make sure that everything is survives. This is part of the conditions of the original Letter of Credit also.

DeRoche, "Why don't we give them an extension until spring, when it is better to plant?" Moegerle, "Because we have to have one growing season to make sure they are going to survive. So, she said she would get the planting done by the end of week. And the original requirements were a full growing season." DeRoche, "Right, so if it all dies?" Davis, "Also, their existing Letter of Credit expires the beginning of October." Voss asked so staff is recommending to extend it if they do the planting? Davis, "If they do the planting. If they don't do the planting, we draw down on the letter of credit."

Moegerle made a motion to extend the Letter of Credit (LOC) #5465 for Finishing Touch to October 1, 2013 if the landscaping is completed by Monday, September 24, 2012. If the landscaping is not completed, staff is authorized to draw down on the Letter of Credit (LOC) #5465 to complete the landscaping plan at Finishing Touch. DeRoche seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

Administrativ
e Subdivision
– Lot Line
Adjustment
for Charles
Mossefin,
Village Green
Mobile Home
Park

Davis explained that East Bethel City Code Chapter 66, Subdivisions, allows lot boundary line adjustments where the division is to permit the adding of a parcel of land to an abutting lot. Administrative subdivisions do not require a public hearing; therefore, City Council is the only review body for the land use request.

The parcel that Village Green is requesting is an addition to approximately 9.0 acres in size. They are requesting an adjustment of the northern property line by adding a portion of land (approx. 3.59 acres) from the south property line of the land owned by T & G Land, Inc. The additional property is shown on Attachment #3 as Parcel B. After the lot line adjustment Village Green's parcel will then be approximately 12.59 acres in size.

The review comments from the City Attorney and City Engineer are included as Attachment #4 and Attachment #5.

The administrative subdivision meets the requirements set forth in city code and meets the

policies adopted as part of the East Bethel Comprehensive Plan; therefore, staff suggests City Council consider approving the subdivision.

City Staff is recommending approval of the Administrative Subdivision that would allow a lot line adjustment for the properties known as Village Green, PIN 32-33-23-34-0004, and T & G Land, Inc., PIN 32-33-23-31-0002. The parcel known as PIN 32-33-23-34-0004, East Bethel, will increase in size from 9.0 acres to 12.59 acres. The parcel known as PIN 32-33-23-31-0002, East Bethel, will decrease in size from 40.93 acres to 37.31 acres. The approval shall be contingent on the following:

1. Submit an ownership and encumbrance report identifying fee owners, lien holders and easements, prepared as to each existing lot of record. This information can be identified on the existing survey.
2. Certification from the surveyor must be submitted stating that all lot corners have been set.
3. New property description must be reviewed and approved by City Engineer prior to the signing of the parcel deeds.
4. Deeds and survey shall be recorded at the Office of the County Registrar of Titles no later than December 8, 2012. Failure to promptly record this transaction will void the administrative subdivision.
5. All review comments from the City Attorney shall be addressed to his satisfaction.
6. All review comments from the City Engineer shall be addressed to his satisfaction.

Lawrence made a motion to recommending approval of the Administrative Subdivision that would allow a lot line adjustment for the properties known as Village Green, PIN 32-33-23-34-0004, and T & G Land, Inc., PIN 32-33-23-31-0002. The parcel known as PIN 32-33-23-34-0004, East Bethel, will increase in size from 9.0 acres to 12.59 acres. The parcel known as PIN 32-33-23-31-0002, East Bethel, will decrease in size from 40.93 acres to 37.31 acres. The approval shall be contingent on the following: 1) Submit an ownership and encumbrance report identifying fee owners, lien holders and easements, prepared as to each existing lot of record. This information can be identified on the existing survey; 2) Certification from the surveyor must be submitted stating that all lot corners have been set; 3) New property description must be reviewed and approved by City Engineer prior to the signing of the parcel deeds; 4) Deeds and survey shall be recorded at the Office of the County Registrar of Titles no later than December 8, 2012. Failure to promptly record this transaction will void the administrative subdivision; 5) All review comments from the City Attorney shall be addressed to his satisfaction; 6) All review comments from the City Engineer shall be addressed to his satisfaction. Voss seconded.

Moegerle, "I saw on page 42, that parcel B is for storage and a recreation area?" Charles Mossefin, Village Green, 1043 Verdin Circle, Coon Rapids, "Yes it is. It has been our traditional storage and recreational area for the last thirty years. Playground equipment, baseball field and a hoop, but until we actually own the property we didn't want to do any improvements in terms of upgrading the equipment. We would like to do that in the future. We are going to finally own the parcel and can do that for our tenants." Moegerle, "Excellent. So there will not be any change in the use, you will just finally own it?" Mossefin, "Yes, we are just going to finally own it and the use will be the same as in the last thirty years." **All in favor, motion carries.**

Fire Dept.
Report

Davis explained that the Fire Department reports are included for your review and information. Lawrence, "Is it more than usual, or not much change?" Davis, "Not much change." DeRoche, "A lot of medicals." Davis, "Yes, medicals are about 70% of our calls." DeRoche, "Have we had any fires during this drought?" Davis, "We have not had any fires of significance during this period of drought and high winds. A few small ones."

Electronic
Reader Board

Davis explained that at the June 6, 2012 City Council meeting, direction was given to staff to seek proposals for replacing the storm damaged City Billboard located at the intersection of Viking Boulevard and Hwy. 65. This item was presented to City Council on July 18, 2012 for consideration. At that time the request to bid this project was tabled until the 2013 City Budget discussions had been concluded. As there was no change in the proposed 2013 EDA budget, the source of funding for this project, the preliminary budget deliberations this matter is proposed for reconsideration by Council.

The overall sign dimensions would be 10'H by 16'W and placed on the existing poles and footings on site. The lower portion of the sign would contain the 5'6"H by 15'W electronic reader board and the upper portion would be reserved for the "City of East Bethel" nameplate. The base bid would include individual LED backlit green letters. The reader board would have the ability to display numerous types of fonts, letter sizes, and animations. The minimum legible letter size the sign has the ability to display would be four lines (16-19 letters per line) of 12" letters. The sign could display images, animations, and text in many different shades of amber. At a minimum, the support poles would be wrapped in aluminum to match the upper portion of the sign and the existing footings and electrical service would remain. Staff could program the sign either cellular or by radio transmission and would have the ability to provide updates in real time.

As in all bids, contractors would be required to furnish all required insurances, license certificates, workman's compensation coverage and bonding if applicable.

The previous billboard was able to display four lines of 9" letters with 18 letters on each line. This proposal to Council is to bid this project with the award of any bid would subject to Council approval.

The estimated costs of an electronic reader board under the base bid amount range between \$60,000 and \$85,000. There is currently \$50,000 in the 2012 EDA budget and a preliminary approval of \$45,000 for 2013 EDA budget for a reader board sign. The East Bethel Seniors have provided a donation of \$5,000 toward the sign and the City has received \$2,800 as a damage claim payment, bringing the total available funds for the project to \$57,800 for 2012.

If approval is granted by City Council to replace the existing sign with a new reader board that would be completed prior to December 2012, an intra-fund no interest loan could be extended from our HRA account to cover those costs of the sign above \$57,800. The loan could be repaid to the HRA from the 2013 EDA budget. If the sign is approved and not completed until 2013, there would be no need for the loan, as funds would be available to cover the cost of the project.

Staff is requesting Council approval to solicit bids for a new electronic reader board using the base bid specifications and include the upgrades as alternate bids.

Moegerle made a motion to approve solicitations for bids for a new electronic reader

board using the base bid specifications and include the upgrades as alternate bids.

Voss seconded. DeRoche, “Can we get samples of what they would look like?” Davis, “We can request that. And, as part of the bid, we could require each bidder to submit an architectural rendering of their sign. We could also get color samples to add to bid requirements.” **All in favor, motion carries.**

MnDOT
Traffic
Control
Agreement

Davis explained that as part of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that the City approved on November 16, 2011 for the 221st Avenue and Hwy. 65 Signalization Project, the City is responsible for the installation of an adequate electrical power source to service cabinet for the County Road 74/TH 65 traffic control signal system, maintenance of street lights and cost of electrical power for the street lights.

At the time of the JPA approval, a separate agreement was to be prepared by MnDOT to finalize the responsibilities between the City, the County, and MnDOT. Attached is the final agreement and Resolution 2012-57 approving the cost and maintenance responsibilities of the City.

This is a standard MnDOT agreement and is similar to the other agreements that the City has executed with MnDOT for the signals at Viking Boulevard, Sims Road and 237th Ave. on Hwy. 65.

The annual electrical cost for the signals and luminaires averages approximately \$3,000. This cost is included in City Roads Budget.

Staff recommends approval of Agreement No. 01242M between the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, the County of Anoka and the City of East Bethel. Further staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 2012-57 Authorizing the City of East Bethel to enter into the agreement and the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the agreement.

Voss made a motion to approve Agreement No. 01242M between the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation, the County of Anoka and the City of East Bethel. Lawrence seconded.

DeRoche, “It was my understanding when we first talked about this that East Bethel was going to be responsible for the street lights. And that MnDOT or whoever was going to take care of the maintenance, and the electrical bill and everything else with the traffic lights. I specifically remember asking that. Now we are going to pay for the electrical, maintenance, the emergency light on the top, and the wireless system, correct?” Davis, “The EDP, that is correct. That was part of the original agreement. The City is responsible for the EDP light and the street lights and the cost of providing power to those. That is the same agreement we have signed with MnDOT for all the intersections that are signalized in the City.”

DeRoche, “This says something different on the first page.” Davis, “The maintenance of the traffic control is Anoka County. All we are responsible for is the maintenance of the streetlight and the EDP lamp. And we are responsible for the electrical costs. This is a three party agreement. On page 59 it is all broken down, all the responsibilities. Once we sign off on this, they will sign off on it.” Moegerle, “It is also in the minutes on page 6 of December 7, 2011.” **All in favor, motion carries.**

Voss made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-57 Authorizing the City of East Bethel to

enter into the agreement and the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the agreement. Lawrence seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

2013 Budget – Zero Increase – Davis – Item G.3 request staff to bring their current budgets to zero tax levy increase and to be submitted to Council for review by October 17th. Staff will work at whatever direction the Council wishes to proceed.

Lawrence, “The reason I requested this is I know there are some things in the budget that aren’t being used. And we could quit funding things that we aren’t using.” DeRoche, “Such as?” Lawrence, “Laser Fiche, we are paying for and not using. Staff knows what we are spending on, more than Council does. It is a very minimal amount we need to get to zero and I would like staff to look and see if we can get there.” Moegerle, “In response to that, I think that staff did an excellent job of pointing out things that were extra, that could be eliminated. And I think to delegate our job, we were elected to point those things out and make that decision. If staff has time to do that, fine, as a courtesy to us. But, I think it is our job to point out what we want eliminated. It is our job to do.” Voss said and I agree. And isn’t that what we were doing the past few meetings. Lawrence, “But what I have found out is there are things in the budget you look at and you have no clue what it really is. I am just saying there is no reason to spend money where we are not using it.” Voss said then bring suggestions to the next meeting. We used to have budget on the agenda for every meeting until December. Voss said have it on the agenda for a budget review.

Lawrence, “This is just a simple request to staff because they would know where the expenditures are going more than we do.” Voss said we have been working the last few months and going through in excruciating detail and last meeting we approved the budget. The last thing you want to do is say, let’s reopen the budget again. Lawrence, “You all approved that budget. I did not approve that budget at the last meeting.” Voss said you voted for the budget last meeting. DeRoche, “The levy didn’t pass.” Voss said both of them passed. I sure hope you read the minutes before you approve them, because the budget passed 3 to 1 and the levy passed 4-0. Davis, “Are you talking about the proposal to levy for bond payments?” Voss said because we are talking budget. We are not talking the bond, it failed. Davis, “That is correct. The budget passed 3 to 1, the levy which we send to the county for certification passed 4 to 0 and the discussion on levying for bond payments failed because it was a 2 to 2 vote (a tie).” Moegerle read the motion from the minutes from the September 5, 2012 meeting. Lawrence, “I was not in favor, I did not vote for it.” Voss said you just approved the minutes that said you approved it. Lawrence, “After the meeting I discussed this with Davis, I couldn’t tell how the vote was. I never said pass or fail.” Moegerle, “We passed a preliminary levy, not a final levy. Why are we fighting over that? Let’s talk about some substance and let’s put the budget back on the agenda at the next meeting and we will bring a list of the things we need to reduce.” Voss said that is why I suggested that the budget be on the agenda, and not added at the last minute.

Moegerle made a motion to have the 2013 Budget on the City Council meeting agendas until we approve the final levy. DeRoche seconded. Voss said but it needs to be things you want to discuss. To make a blanket statement that staff should go back and go squeeze some more out of this, is wrong. Lawrence, “All I am saying is if they know of things that aren’t being used in the budget.” Voss said I think that is a slight what you just did to staff. To make a blanket statement that you think there is something else here is wrong. **All in favor, motion carries.**

Moegerle made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Voss seconded. DeRoche, Moegerle and Lawrence, nay; Voss, aye; motion fails.

Council
Member
Report –
DeRoche

DeRoche, “They have been working on the roads at Coon Lake Beach. Jochum, are you going to take a look at them?” Jochum, “For the most part they are done. We will do a final punch list.” DeRoche, “Weather is changing. Everyone is taking their stuff out of the lake so we shouldn’t have too many more theft problems. It is good to hear that someone is coming in and bought the restaurant. At one point that had really good food. We had a meeting at Route 65 Pub & Grub. Heidi, I, Jack, Richard, Nate, EDA Members, Planning Members, it was pretty fruitful. They had a lot of questions. Some things were straightened out in people’s minds. Some people needed to vent. Had to put out the facts. If you want to bring information up, this is what we are doing. Thought it went really well.”

Council
Member
Report –
Moegerle

Moegerle, “After our last meeting, there was the first meeting of Met Council’s Thrive 2040 in Coon Rapids. Our representative was there and representatives that cover the Anoka area. They talked about “What is the plan for 2040?” There seems to be change in the mindset of the appointed council compared to some things we have heard in the past. After the meeting two gentlemen came and talked to me about the SAC charges. One gentleman said to us that we need to take that further with the council as opposed to staff. Because there was a thought of some staff that Met Council should have the charges be a flat fee and be regional. There was also a gentleman there that indicated that Met Council is interested in funding regional trail systems. So that gentleman will be invited to the next Sandhill Crane meeting.

Another issue is the light at the street here when we turn into City Hall. Those solar lights are not going to be enough in winter. Can we look into getting something else out there? We had a webinar with Civic Plus today about the website; about possibilities to have buttons on the website to report potholes. Another that is almost a blog. There will be another meeting about design. And finally, there will be a meeting next Monday with Jeff Corney from Cedar Creek Science Reserve about reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding with them, what their development plans are, and how we can develop in a way that would be constructive and beneficial to both parties.

Council
Member
Report –
Voss

Voss asked do we have any progress in terms of Met Council and the agreement? Davis, “They have come back and made a preliminary proposal to the City to reduce the ERU goals in half that they are requiring the City to have. They have also offered to exempt our repayment for extra capacity of the line. It was to be paid in 20 years and they have agreed to extend it to 30 years with no payments for 10 years except interest. They are also considering letting the City purchase the Village Green treatment plant. These are things they are offering to give us some breathing room on the front end of project. The total numbers don’t change.”

Voss asked what is the next step on that. Davis, “We need to follow through with them. And I would like to talk to them about getting our SAC charge down to the same as they charge in Blaine and everywhere else. Uniform. We are currently scheduled to pay a higher SAC charge because they say this is a standalone system and has different costs, but I think we can make a case or at least advance the argument that we should be treated the same. And the same as the flow charges.”

Mayor Report
- Lawrence

Lawrence, “I too was at the Pub & Grub. We had a good conversation going on there. The Chamber of Commerce seems to really be sparking off there.”

Adjourn **Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Moegerle seconded; all in favor, motion carries.**

Attest:

Wendy Warren
Deputy City Clerk