

**LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
April 13, 2020**

**Present** – Mayor Warren Peterson and Councilmembers John Diehl, Lyle Hanzal, Bill Kleinman, Anita Pampusch; Mary Schultz, City Clerk and Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant

**Also Present** – Bridget Nason, city attorney; Captain Wayne Wegener, Mendota Heights Police Department; Jim Langseth and Brian LeMon, Barr Engineering

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Peterson. Attendance was taken by roll call due to teleconference.

**Agenda** – Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-0.

**Public Comments** – No comments.

**March 9, 2020** – Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 city council meeting. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**March 23, 2020** – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 city council meeting. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Building Official Report** – Building report showed one building permit was issued and seven closed in March.

**Police Report** - Captain Wegener reported on how the police department is monitoring COVID-19 on a daily basis. Chief McCarthy is updating medical information on Facebook. He believes there have been 3-4 potential cases in the community. He explained the procedures followed by the police on a medical call. The ambulance staff will handle the calls and the police remain outside on standby and will only enter as needed.

**Engineer Report** – Jim Langseth reported on:

- 1) **Big Rivers Regional Trail Slope Failure**. Lilydale was notified on March 31 of a slope failure on the Big Rivers Regional Trail. Jim Langseth and Mary Schultz met with Michael Behan of Dakota County and Ryan Ruzek of Mendota Heights to view the slope failure. It was determined that the failure was below the Stonebridge development and was not connected to Lilydale Stormwater Project #1 (below Riverwood). Dakota County will assess responsibility for repairing the culvert with MnDOT and possibly the railroad. Lilydale asked to be kept informed on the trail closure.
- 2) **Inflow and Infiltration** – A proposed I & I workflow chart to reduce stormwater inflows to the sanitary sewer system was presented. After a discussion with Marcus Bush, Principal Engineer at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Langseth believed the overflow resulted when the stormwater volume was too large, the excess water from one or more properties entered the sanitary sewer. Marcus Bush proposed meeting with staff to talk about how MCES has addressed I & I. Langseth suggested the city participate in this meeting.

Lexington-Riverside discovered roof drainage from its north wing drains first to the sanitary sewer and then to storm drains. An assessment of the situation has been completed and a plan to re-roof the complex and redirect the water to the storm drain.

Langseth recommends deferring sanitary sewer flow monitoring until 2021, meet with MCES and visit properties most likely to be contributing to inflow and infiltration.

- 3) Sanitary and Storm Sewer Projects Timeline and Budget Summary – Langseth reviewed a chart outlining sanitary and storm sewer projects over the next three years (2020-2022) highlighting the presumed and acceptable windows for the projects. The cost by project and total each year was included.
- 4) Ordinance Update Review – Langseth presented a chart with the ordinances requiring review, revision and adoption following the 2018 City of Lilydale Surface Water Management Plan. The estimate for the ordinance review and update total \$13,500; the list also indicates the priority of each ordinance and its proposed review year.

**Moved by Mayor Peterson and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal as follows:**

WHEREAS, our Stormwater Management Plan provides for various standards and techniques to manage stormwater; and

WHEREAS, those standards and techniques have been adopted by the Planning Commission and approved by the Met Council; and

WHEREAS, our city ordinances are out of date and do not reflect these standards;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council recognizes these standards are essential to stormwater management;

THEREFORE, the Lilydale City Council authorizes changes to these documents and incorporates the Planning Commission standards in the ordinances.

**Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

- 5) Feasibility Study Options - Brian LeMon, Barr Engineering, facilitated discussion regarding the April 10 technical memorandum on the Lilydale sanitary sewer lift station, feasibility study scoping document. This summary was requested at the March 9 meeting following a field inspection that showed the deteriorated conditions of the lift station. The inspection revealed the lift station is in need of repair or replacement.

The first option would begin with a minimum effort to define the project and could be set up to lay out two projects. One would be an attempt to repair the current lift station, relying on existing information and include a field inspection to document the condition of the lift station. The report would include a rehabilitation project and a replacement project and provide other criteria to the council to aid their decision. The cost range was \$20,000-\$24,000.

The second option for the feasibility study would range between \$40,000-\$48,000 and includes the components of Option 1. In addition, a contractor would be hired to excavate and expose sections of the piping around the lift station, include thickness testing and conditions assessment of elements not visible from the surface.

Mr. LeMon explained Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) owns and operates the inverted siphon that the lift station pumps into. The condition of the siphon is of concern and LeMon believes MCES may want to participate in the feasibility study, although their participation financially is not guaranteed. LeMon proposed starting with the \$20,000 study, contacting MCES and go to the \$48,000 study if needed. The main goal of Option 2 would be to learn how far pipe replacement would be needed.

Councilmember Diehl questioned the expense and need for a feasibility study to define the scope, believes the lift station has reached its lifetime and recommended proceeding directly with replacement rather than rehabilitation.

Mayor Peterson, recognizing the added cost for a feasibility study and the large expense of the sanitary sewer lift station project, stated the council needs this data to determine whether to proceed with fixing or replacing the lift station. Mr. LeMon believes the study could be done in mid-June.

**Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to approve a \$20,000 to \$24,000 Feasibility Study. Motion carried by roll call vote: 4-1 Ayes-4 Nays-1 (Diehl)**

**Clerk's Report** – Clerk Schultz presented the financial reports for March 2020.

**Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the March 2020 financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Peterson reported the city received \$7,024.21 from Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission (NDC4). These funds are the city's share of franchise fees collected from Comcast and CenturyLink in 2019. NDC4 encourages cities to use these fees for cable-related purchases. Councilmember Kleinman agreed to prepare a list on how these funds could be used and he will bring suggestions to the council in May.

Mayor Peterson referenced a letter sent by Lia Christiansen, MHealth Fairview, on the future of St. Joseph's Hospital. The letter states the hospital is operating at a significant loss and the collaboration is working with clinical leaders, community leaders and patients on how to address the broader needs of the community, such as homelessness and nutrition.

**Adjournment** – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Pampusch to adjourn. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. 4-0 (Diehl absent) The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

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Mary Schultz, City Clerk

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Warren Peterson, Mayor

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Date