

**MEDINA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**MAY 19, 2015**

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on May 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Medina City Hall, 2052 County Road 24, Medina, MN.

**I. Call to Order**

**Members present:** Mitchell, Cousineau, Martin, Pederson

**Members absent:** Anderson

**Also present:** City Administrator Scott Johnson, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, City Attorney Ron Batty, and City Planner Dusty Finke

**II. Pioneer Sarah Watershed Discussion**

Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Commissioner Mike McLaughlin provided an update on the commission. Mr. McLaughlin asked the City Council for the authority to vote in favor of a watershed district. He thought the option would give the City of Medina more control over who is appointed to serve on the watershed district board and a district would be more proactive on future projects. Mr. McLaughlin also thought the watershed could be set up in a modest manner to control taxpayer costs. Finally, a district could also apply for grants and other sources to pay for projects.

Pat Wulff, Alternate Commissioner for Pioneer Sarah, was also frustrated with the watershed and thought it would be dollar foolish to continue in its current form. Mr. McLaughlin and Mrs. Wulff thought that the majority of residents in the Medina portion of Pioneer Sarah would support a levy increase with the change to a district.

The City Council authorized Commissioner McLaughlin to vote in favor of a watershed district for the Pioneer Sarah Watershed.

**III. Job Creation Fund Application for InCity Farms**

Staff provided information on fiscal disparities, payments in-lieu, possibility of a future waiver of limitation on a private well for the site, and metering sewer/water usage. Council Members also mentioned the following items that should be addressed if the project moves forward; how a well agreement could be set up and monitored, how a reservoir or cistern could be used to help off-set peak water usage, and set up a payment in-lieu agreement to address City property taxes.

**Adjournment**

*Mitchell closed the meeting at 6:56 p.m.*

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Bob Mitchell, Mayor

Attest:

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Scott Johnson, City Administrator-Clerk