

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2017

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers. Mayor Mitchell presided.

I. ROLL CALL

Members present: Anderson, Cousineau, Pederson, Martin, and Mitchell.

Members absent: None.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, City Attorney Ron Batty, City Engineer Jim Stremel, City Planner Dusty Finke, City Planning Consultant Nate Sparks, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Finance Director Erin Barnhart, and Chief of Police Ed Belland.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (7:00 p.m.)

III. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA (7:00 p.m.)

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7:00 p.m.)

A. Approval of the August 2, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

It was noted on page four, line five, it should state, "...reassured assured..." On page four line 49, it should state, "...She stated that there is no other place ~~else~~ that is..." On page five, line 35, it should state, "...only allow senior housing..."

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Cousineau, to approve the August 2, 2017 regular City Council meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.***

V. CONSENT AGENDA (7:02 p.m.)

A. Appoint Andrew Scharf to Police Officer Position

B. Approve Job Description and Authorize Recruitment for Community Service Officer Position

C. Resolution No. 2017-62 Granting Conditional Use Permit Approval to David and Katherine Crosby for a Second Principal Dwelling at 2402 Hamel Road

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.***

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution No. 2017-63 Awarding the Sale of \$1,235,000 General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2017A (7:03 p.m.)

Johnson introduced Shelly Eldridge from Ehlers.

Shelly Eldridge, Ehlers, stated that they received the bids today. She provided background information regarding the no call date feature. She stated that two bids were received with very good rates. She reported that City staff participated in a rating call with Moody's and advised that the City received an upgrade in their bond rating from

Aa2 to Aa1. She presented the City with a plaque for the upgraded bond rating and congratulated the City. She stated that the interest rates were in turn a lot better than expected. She stated that the low bid has an interest rate of 2.3 percent, which was lower than the estimated interest rate of three percent. She stated that because of the lower interest rate and other cost savings, they were able to lower the aggregate amount of the bonds in the amount of \$25,000. She stated that the winning bidder was Northland Securities, who works with local banks and noted that Farmer's State Bank of Hamel purchased the bonds and the City should thank them for the local support and low interest rate.

Martin noted that the resolution does not reflect the terms of the final sale and confirmed that the Council should direct staff to fill in the necessary information.

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to adopt resolution no. 2017-63 awarding the sale of general obligation improvement bonds, series 2017A, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$1,235,000; fixing their form and specifications; directing their execution and delivery; and providing for their payment and directing staff to amend the resolution with the terms of the bond sale. **Motion passed unanimously.***

VII. COMMENTS (7:13 p.m.)

A. Comments from Citizens on Items not on the Agenda

Leslie Borg, 1400 Hamel Road, stated that the AutoMotorPlex project on Arrowhead abuts her property and has been a nightmare. She stated that the construction hours begin early and end late, outside of the allowed hours of construction. She stated that on August 7th at 3:00 a.m. there was a delivery that lasted about one hour with loud beeping noises. She stated that at 4:30 a.m. there were a lot of loud noises. She stated that she was told by staff that it was most likely garbage trucks but she did not believe that was the noise she heard. She stated that she obtained the number of the non-emergency police and called when work was taking place after 8:00 p.m. She stated that the police visited the site and were told by the worker that they had received approvals to continue outside of the allowed hours. She stated that on the follow-up she was told that oversized deliveries are only allowed between certain hours to minimize impacts on traffic. She believed that the City should have considered these elements when allowing this use. She expects the City to enforce the hours of construction and not bend the rules or blame others.

Ben Rubin, Chief Operating Officer of Medina MP LLC, owner of Medina AutoMotorPlex, stated that he was made aware of the delivery on August 7th and apologized. He stated that the contractor was following the MnDOT restrictions but noted that he followed up with the contractor and was reassured that the work would only occur during the City's permitted hours. He stated that Medina MP LLC wants to be good neighbors and adhere to the City ordinances. He stated that he welcomes anyone to call him if contractors are not working within the allowed hours. He stated that it is his intention to be a good neighbor and follow the rules in place.

Brad Buche, Arnt Construction, apologized to Ms. Borg. He stated that MnDOT regulations allow for deliveries between midnight to 5:00 a.m. and this has been a custom but he will not do that again. He stated that he has told his crew that they cannot work outside the City permitted hours of construction.

Anderson asked if both men to give their contact information to Ms. Borg.

Mitchell stated that the City worked hard on this project and there were complications with the closing but the City is serious about the regulations and asked the contractor to obey the rules so that the City does not have to act to enforce the ordinance.

B. Park Commission

Scherer reported that the Commission considered the Lunski application for senior living and recommended an easement for a trail. He stated that the Commission also discussed ballfield lights and the Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that the Commission will continue the ballfield lighting discussion and will also consider the Excelsior Group Concept Plan at their next meeting.

C. Planning Commission

Planning Commissioner Reid reported that the Commission held a public hearing for the Excelsior Group Concept Plan and reported that the Commission concluded that the proposal does not meet the requirements for PUD or jump ahead as this is a typical development and therefore does not meet the requirements of the ordinance. She stated that the Commission held a public hearing for Arrowhead Holdings and the Commission recommended approval of the request. She stated that the Commission considered a variance request from McDonald's for its trash enclosure and recommended approval. She stated that the Commission then considered the Lunski request, which the Commission had begun to review at the previous meeting. She noted that while most of the revisions necessary had been made there were still issues with the wetland buffers, setbacks and skyway. She noted that approval from the watershed commission would be needed. She stated that the Planning Commission deferred that issue to the watershed commission. She expressed concern with the white/light colored skyway as it would be very visible from Highway 55 and was disappointed that changes were not made. She proposed an additional condition that the skyway be diminished to blend with the surroundings. She stated that the Commission recommended approval contingent on approval from the watershed commission and changes be made to the skyway design. She stated that the Commission also considered the landfill property ordinance to be consistent with the MPCA and the possibility of areas of concern. She stated that several residents expressed concern that labeling their property in an overlay district would impact their property values. She stated that the Commission voted to continue the discussion at the next meeting, directing staff to present alternatives that would not impact so many private properties.

Pederson stated that he attended the meeting and commented that the city is blessed with a great deal of experience on the Commission and thanked the Commissioners for the great job they continue to do.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Arrowhead Holdings LLC – Preliminary/Final Plat; Lot Combination – 4101 Arrowhead Drive (7:28 p.m.)

Finke stated that the applicant is seeking to rearrange the lot line between OSI and the vacant lot. He noted that there are two separate requests, the first would divide the vacant property into two parcels and the second action would take one of the newly created parcels and combine it with the OSI property. He noted that both properties are guided as business in the draft Comprehensive Plan and reviewed the proposed guiding

for adjacent properties. He highlighted the division line and the portion that would then be combined with the OSI property. He noted that the lots would meet the dimensional standards. He noted that the park dedication fee for the outlot was deferred in 2009 and therefore staff recommends that the park dedication fee be paid now at the 2009 rate. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval subject to the conditions included in the staff report.

Pederson asked if the new addition would limit the off-site parking.

Adam Schlafke, OSI, stated that the intention is that the new lot would eliminate the overflow parking that flows onto the road. He stated that Arrowhead Holdings owns outlot A. He noted that the intention was to leave that for potential development or sale in the future.

Finke stated that outlot A would meet the dimensional standards, although it is a relatively small parcel. He noted that the parcel could connect to the stormwater system at OSI, which does make it more developable. He confirmed that OSI could combine the lot in the future through a similar process.

Martin asked how the City of Minneapolis comes into play.

Finke reported that the City of Minneapolis owns the property because of the Commonbond program that was used to finance the project.

Mitchell stated that his position is that the City welcomes OSI to town and wants to see the business succeed and be viable.

Martin asked if the City of Minneapolis must sign the plat.

Finke explained that Arrowhead Holdings owns the outlot and therefore they will sign the plat and the City of Minneapolis will accept the parcel.

Martin noted an inconsistency in the name on the preliminary plat, which staff confirmed will be cleared up.

Anderson asked if this construction of the lot would provide adequate parking.

Schlafke replied that this should solve the parking issue.

Johnson noted that OSI also owns the lot to the north should they desire future expansion.

1. Resolution No. 2017-64 Granting Preliminary and Final Plat Approval for Cavanaugh's Meadowwoods Park Second Addition

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to adopt resolution no. 2017-64 granting preliminary and final plat approval of the Cavanaugh's Meadowwoods Park Second Addition. **Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Resolution No. 2017-65 Granting Lot Combination Approval for 4101 Arrowhead Drive and Lot 1, Block 1, Cavanaugh's Meadowwoods Park Second Addition

*Moved by Martin, seconded by Anderson, to adopt resolution no. 2017-65 granting approval of the lot combination of 4101 Arrowhead Drive and Lot 1, Block 1, Cavanaugh's Meadowwoods Park Second Addition. **Motion passed unanimously.***

B. Medina Senior Living Community Rezoning, Preliminary Plat and Site Plan Review (7:39 p.m.)

Sparks stated that this is a request with three applications related to the development. He reviewed the property location, which is about 11 acres in size and reviewed the requests which include rezoning, preliminary plat and site plan review. He stated that the Concept Plan was reviewed by the Planning Commission and Council in February but noted that was slightly different. He stated that the Council and Commission voiced concern with the intensity of use on the site and noted that since then the intensity was scaled down and the parking was increased. He stated that the site is currently guided for commercial land use in the current Comprehensive Plan and is proposed as business under the draft plan. He noted that the proposed rezoning of the applicant directly corresponds to the draft Comprehensive Plan. He provided additional information on zoning that would be appropriate under the existing Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Preliminary Plat would divide this parcel into three lots, all over three acres in size. He stated that Outlot A would contain the private street and would be owned by an association in which all three lots would be members. He stated that the Park Commission reviewed the Preliminary Plat and the Commission did not recommend land for parks or trails and therefore recommended the full amount of cash in lieu. He noted that there are private trails proposed on the site and potential credit could be given for the trails if the trails were opened to the public. He stated that the City Engineer has recommended a traffic study be done and noted that additional information has been requested from the applicant. He noted that additional conditions were noted in the staff report regarding participation in the future easterly extension of Chippewa and petition and waiver for turn lanes if they are deemed necessary in the future. He reviewed the mix of units proposed for the senior living building, noting that the business district allows independent living associated with assisted living and memory care units. He noted that the building would need to be maintained with at least 50 percent of assisted living/memory care units. He noted that there would be interior parking proposed on the first level. He provided details on the building height and architectural details and proposed materials for both the senior living building and medical office building. He also reviewed the proposed building setbacks. He provided information on the skyway, noting that the ordinance does not specifically allow skyways as an encroachment and therefore the City would need to amend the ordinance to allow that use. He stated that the Planning Commission found the skyway to be acceptable but had concerns with the design as it does not match the buildings and sticks out and should instead have a muted tone. He stated that currently this site is heavily wooded and displayed the tree survey. He noted that there is a certain allowance for removal which allows infrastructure construction. He highlighted the allowed removal that would be approved for the infrastructure and then the additional removal that would be done for the development of the lot. He noted that the landscaping plan goes above and beyond but they could not replant the necessary number of trees and therefore the applicant is requesting off-site tree plantings. He reviewed the proposed signage and the parking. He noted that there is shared parking proposed with the majority of the parking being provided on the medical office building site. He stated that 216 stalls would be provided and was found to be acceptable by the Planning Commission. He reviewed the calculations used to determine adequate parking noting that the City ordinance currently does not have a formula for this type of use. He provided details on the wetlands on the

site and the buffers and setbacks that would be required. He noted that the senior building would not meet the setback and buffer unless part of the wetland is filled to create the additional space, which would require approval from the watershed. He stated that it would be simpler if the applicant adjusted the site or size of the building. He stated that the applicant provided a revised plan today and highlighted the differences, moving the building away from the wetland with a result of six less parking stalls. He noted that the adjustment would still not meet the full wetland buffer requirement. He stated that the applicant may qualify for an average wetland buffer, but noted that the revised plan has not been thoroughly reviewed by staff. He stated that there are needs for association documents because of the shared private road, noting that the documents would need to meet the requirements of the City Attorney. He noted that the City Attorney has suggested revisions to the association documents and the applicant did not object. He noted that there would also need to be documentation that requires that the independent living units do not exceed 50 percent of the building as that element cannot take over the use of the site. He stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request subject to the applicant resolving the wetland buffer/setback issues.

Cousineau asked if the Fire Marshall has approved the building height.

Sparks stated that the Fire Marshall would provide input on fire suppression during the building design. He confirmed that the setbacks for additional height would be provided.

Anderson asked if there was ever a discussion with the applicant about reducing the size of the building.

Sparks noted that staff had that conversation but the applicant would like to keep the same building scale.

Martin referenced the language that requires additional wetland protection measures if a lesser buffer is applied. She stated that she did not see the additional protection measures on the plans, and it appears a typical buffer would provide better protection.

Sparks stated that the retaining walls around the bituminous path would direct the water into the stormwater treatment.

Stremel stated that the retaining walls are not clear. He stated that the trail could be graded in a manner which would push runoff away from the wetland and into stormwater treatment.

Pederson asked if the trails would be open to the public.

Sparks replied that the trails are proposed as private but the applicant would be open to making the trails public if credit is given.

Finke stated that the trails would be privately owned and maintained.

Pederson commented that would be a positive in getting pedestrians off the roads that do not have adequate shoulders in that area. He referenced the skyway and asked for more information. He asked and received confirmation that if the wetland was filled, the applicant would purchase wetland credits.

Martin stated that she has wondered about fire truck circulation on the site and asked if an independent review has been done by the Hamel Fire Department and whether another road should loop around the office medical building.

Sparks noted that there have been several iterations of this plan. He provided additional details.

Martin stated that she does not understand how the use would be permitted in the existing commercial designation of the property.

Sparks replied that the existing Comprehensive Plan designation is commercial and reviewed the intended uses that would be allowed. He explained that the business district can implement the strategy to allow assisted living/memory care units and noted that there is some overlap of the business and commercial districts. He stated that the Council would need to ask if the business district meets the intent of the commercial guiding and if the rezoning was allowed, then this use could be allowed. He stated that the draft Comprehensive Plan changes the guiding of the property to business.

Martin stated that she did not see how this use would fall within the commercial or business district.

Sparks noted that this use would be allowed in the business and business park district.

Anderson stated that as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, he cannot foresee how nursing homes would be a part of commercial or business areas. He stated that he also struggles with how this use would fit into the zoning.

Mitchell noted that the applicant is requesting a zoning change. He noted that in the draft Comprehensive Plan it was considered that this use would be allowed.

Martin noted that the draft Comprehensive Plan has not yet been approved and adopted and asked if a Comprehensive Plan amendment would then be needed.

Batty stated that this would be a flexible approach that this would fit under both the draft and existing Comprehensive Plan.

Sparks provided additional details on the proposed rezoning to either commercial highway or business. He noted that this would be an allowed use in the business district and there would be an overlap between the commercial and business districts.

Finke noted that both zoning districts share the same objectives and do have an overlap.

Mitchell briefly recessed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Dean Lunski, Lunski Inc., stated that they have been working with staff to resolve the issues noting that the wetland issues were the last ones. He stated that they purchased the property about 10 years ago and came forward with the Concept Plan in February. He believed that this is a good project that is needed by the community. He noted that

his team is present to answer any questions. He stated that their traffic study states that they do not impact Chippewa or the extension. He stated that they believe that they are overparked on the site. He noted that following the February meetings they scaled down the buildings and development. He apologized that they were not able to address the comments on the skyway and would support making it more muted.

Mitchell noted that this would be dependent on rezoning and therefore that should be discussed first. He noted that if this was going to move forward, the Council should ask staff to prepare a resolution of rezoning in accord with the discussion so that the City can work on the documentation while other parts of staff work on the details with the applicant to avoid exceeding the review timeline.

Martin noted that the applicant could also grant an extension.

Sparks noted that the review period would go through October 17th.

Mitchell reviewed the rationale that would support rezoning as it would fit well with the draft Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the documentation needs to be carefully thought out to ensure the correct calculations are used for the independent living ratio, whether that is done based on units or square footage.

Cousineau stated that she would be concerned with the impact to the density numbers and how that will impact the future. She stated that currently the City has guided for 256 units of high density units and these units would add additional units to the already guided for units.

Martin noted that this would add more high-density units than specified by the Metropolitan Council.

Cousineau stated that the City has committed to the community not to go over and above what the City is responsible for under the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that the City will be allotted more high density units if this continues to be allowed in these zoning districts. She wanted to ensure that the Council is comfortable with this permitted use in the business district as it turns over.

Martin stated that in her mind assisted living and independent senior living is different than traditional high density living as it does not cause the same traffic and school district impacts. She referenced parts of the Comprehensive Plan that speak to providing housing for all phases of life for residents. She stated that her commitment was to keep traffic off Highway 55 and not burden the school district more and did not feel that senior housing would be that impactful. She stated that by guiding this as business that would not fit the Metropolitan Council high-density requirements.

Cousineau noted that independent seniors would still be driving their vehicles and count towards population numbers. She agreed that assisted living and memory care would have little impact.

Anderson agreed that while there would not be an impact to the school district, there would be impacts on infrastructure and the independent seniors would be driving. He stated that there have been two applicants prior to this that have requested rezoning

prior to this and the Council had denied both on the basis that the applicant was asking for rezoning while the draft plan is under review.

Pederson noted that typically this site would ask for access onto Highway 55 but this site is not requesting that. He noted that this site will also help to build infrastructure that will be needed for that area. He stated that an elderly waiver will also make a difference, as that would be important to him, but noted that he did not hear anything about that.

Mitchell stated that apartment buildings are soaring in the Minneapolis area. He stated that experts have said that this area would not be a good fit, while senior living would be desirable.

Cousineau stated that if all of these parcels are opened for senior living that would be an exponential impact that would change the landscape of Medina.

Mitchell stated that the senior living facility would need to remain at least 50 percent assisted living or memory care.

Cousineau stated that the remaining 50 percent of independent living would be impactful.

Martin stated that the other permitted uses would have vehicles and traffic and asked the difference.

Cousineau stated that it is more people all day every day, whereas businesses are here during business hours. She stated that growth can look different, whether that is commercial or residential. She stated that while there are employees for Polaris and OSI, you do not see most of them as they are just driving through. She believed that this would be counterintuitive.

Martin stated that the zoning would need to be considered first.

Mitchell stated that if the Council cannot find its way through the rezoning, then the request would need to wait until the draft Comprehensive Plan is adopted and approved.

Martin stated that this property is unique and is not the same issue as the other requests that have come forward as it would not change designation on high density parcels.

Anderson stated that he is having trouble finding a nexus between rezoning from commercial to business because the business would allow this use.

Mitchell asked the location of the 20-car parking area.

Sparks identified the area. He noted that the 20 stalls would be proof of parking that would not be built initially and would be built if needed in the future.

Mitchell asked and received confirmation that the parking islands would be large enough to support trees.

Pederson asked for the number of underground parking stalls.

Martin replied that 81 of the stalls would be underground. She stated that this is a good development because it helps extend infrastructure, would accommodate a perceived need in the market, and is a nice layout that protects much of the wetland area. She stated that this could be a good thing, especially with the contribution to the extension of Chippewa Road in the future. She stated that she is respectful of the concerns of Cousineau as this could be more impactful than a traditional business or retail use.

Mitchell stated that it is a nice building that would include medical services.

Cousineau stated that she is concerned with the number of facilities that could be allowed under this justification.

Mitchell stated that when the Council discussed the Concept Plan in February there were comments that the site would not have as many problems if it were smaller. He appreciated that the applicant heard those comments and scaled down the development. He noted that scaling the building smaller still would solve more problems. He found it odd that there is no road that goes around the east sides of the buildings, especially with the intended use and need for emergency vehicles.

Finke provided additional details on the multi-purpose of the trails.

Pederson asked if the Council might ask the applicant to further reduce the size of the building as that would solve additional problems.

Martin stated that the reduction in wetland setbacks is permitted if the additional measures further protect the wetland compared to a 20-foot setback. She asked if that finding would be left to the watershed to make or whether the Council would need to make that determination. She stated that if the retaining walls were going to direct the runoff to the stormwater treatment and away from the wetland, that could be beneficial but noted that the City would need proof of that.

Johnson stated that if the Council was comfortable with the rezoning, the Council could direct staff to prepare the two resolutions.

Mitchell stated that he would like to hold off all three actions at once.

Martin stated that she would like to see the flexibility discussed in interpreting the ordinances layered into the resolutions, specifically in the whereas statements.

Mitchell suggested that another resolution be added specifying why the rezoning would be appropriate.

Martin noted that could be combined with the rezoning resolution but wanted to see those statements more fully articulated. She also wanted to see the documents that would be used to specify the mix of independent living units.

Batty noted that typically you would link all the actions to move forward together. He was not sure that the agreement regarding the ratio for independent living units would fit under the rezoning.

Martin was concerned that a real estate covenant would go away after 30 years.

Batty noted that you do not know what will happen in 30 years and what the zoning will look like in the future and perhaps you would not want to tie the hands of future Councils for that length of time.

Anderson asked if the watershed should be asked for their input. He stated that he is reluctant to move ahead without its input.

Johnson noted that it is kind of a chicken and the egg situation as the watershed commission is waiting to hear from the Council as well.

Mitchell noted that the Council can direct staff to move forward working with the applicant and other agencies to work out the details before this comes back to the Council.

Batty stated that typically the package would start out with an ordinance for rezoning. He agreed that extra time should be spent identifying the complicated path that shows consistency between the existing zoning and proposed zoning. He noted that the rezoning would then not become effective until the final plat is approved. He noted that preliminary plat includes a list of items that have to be completed before final plat approval can be issued.

*Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Martin, to direct staff to prepare a resolution granting rezoning with the appropriate justification and the statement that rezoning would not become effective unless the final plat is approved. **Motion passed 3-2 (Cousineau and Anderson opposed).***

*Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Martin, to direct staff to prepare a resolution granting preliminary plat approval subject to the conditions noted in the staff report. **Motion passed 3-2 (Cousineau and Anderson opposed).***

*Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Martin, to direct staff to prepare a resolution granting site plan review approval, but only upon receipt and review of plans from the applicant which reduce the wetland impacts and address comments of the Elm Creek Watershed and City Engineer. **Motion passed 3-2 (Cousineau and Anderson opposed).***

Pederson asked when this would come back.

Mitchell noted that he will be absent the first meeting in September.

Johnson noted that staff will try to bring this back at the second meeting in September.

C. Highway 55 Watermain Discussion (9:26 p.m.)

Johnson stated that in 1985 the City installed a watermain under TH 55. He noted that there have been recent issues and with the widening of TH 55 there have been issues with maintenance. He stated that staff would like to discuss opportunities for looping the watermain.

Scherer stated that he has been working with City Engineer Stremel on this and they have decided to split the matter into two topics. He noted that he will speak to the operational side while Stremel will speak to the more technical side. He stated that as

the infrastructure ages they continue to have problems and as the highway has been widened there are problems with accessing the pipe.

Stremel stated that the information was provided in the Council packet and therefore he does not want to take up a lot of time with a presentation. He stated that the corrosive soils are causing problems with the pipe. He provided pictures from the last watermain break, noting that the surface is continuing to deteriorate.

Scherer stated that the most recent watermain was very impactful, with 80 pound of water pressure. He explained that this faces the driving lane and not the ditch and therefore takes out the driving lane. He stated that by the time they could shut down the water, there was a void of about two or three vehicles in the blacktop. He noted that if that were to happen in the middle of the night, the water tower could be very low and nothing would be left to supply water to the other side of town.

Stremel identified the area of concern with corrosion issues. He identified potential looping opportunities that would help to provide redundancy.

Anderson asked for more information on where staff would like to run the pipe.

Scherer provided information on opportunities that have arisen with development and additional opportunities depending on right-of-way.

Mitchell stated that it seems that the Council will need to consider this as most municipal water systems are looped, not only to provide service to different areas but also to provide redundancy.

Scherer noted that this pipe is breaking and there is not even really a way to work on it because of its location. He asked whether staff should review the feasibility and options for funding.

Mitchell stated that it seems that the City should run the waterline from Arrowhead west to Mohawk with the future Chippewa road extension and further west to Willow, which would create the loop. He stated that the second aspect would be what would be done with the existing line along TH 55, whether the City continues to repair that or whether an alternate route is identified for that line.

Scherer noted that the nice thing about the TH 55 line is that there are not that many connections along that line.

Barnhart provided input on financing.

D. Resolution No. 2017-66 to Contract with a Council Member (Hwy 55 Rental for Medina Celebration Day) – (9:42 p.m.)

Pederson recused himself from the discussion.

Johnson stated that this is a housekeeping item and the City contracts with Highway 55 Rental, of which Pederson is a part owner, for the Medina Celebration Day.

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-66 to Contract with a Council Member. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Pederson rejoined the Council.

IX. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (9:42 p.m.)

Johnson presented the letter for Suzanne Van Cleaf for her 15 years of service to the community as discussed at the August 2nd meeting.

Mitchell presented the letter to Suzanne Van Cleaf. He stated that the City values her services.

X. MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (9:43 p.m.)

Martin stated that she and Finke met with the Palms the previous week and had a fruitful discussion. She stated that she met with representatives from the Hamel Fire Department this past week and noted that the organization seems to be doing well with two new hires. She stated that she, Belland and Johnson attended the Loretto Fire Department presentation today and that organization is also doing well, with two new hires as well. She stated that all the fire departments managed to double the aide they receive from the State for training, which is great. She provided additional information on the fire department response times reflective of drug overdose situations and the cooperation with the police.

XI. APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS (9:46 p.m.)

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Cousineau, to approve the bills, EFT 004250E-004275E for \$55,778.66, order check numbers 046195-046253 for \$212,218.39, and payroll EFT 0508075-0508105 for \$47,955.79. **Motion passed unanimously.***

XII. ADJOURN

*Moved by Anderson, seconded by Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. **Motion passed unanimously.***

Bob Mitchell, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi Gallup, City Clerk