

Cooperstown City Council
Special Meeting
November 9, 2020 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Steve Perry, Deb Eslinger, Tim Erickson, Lee Watne, Allen Gruman & Larry Olson. Others in attendance: Andrew Aakre and Brandon Smith, Moore Engineering, Bryan Pfeifer, Travis Peterson, City Attorney, Chad Johnson, Blaine Larson, Chris Olson & Nancy Lunde.

Mayor Paintner called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Perry Moved, Eslinger seconded to adjourn the special meeting.

Public Hearing: Mayor Paintner opened the public hearing which is being held to determine the sufficiency of protests to bar proceeding with the Street Improvement District No. 2020-1 project. Present: Paul Paintner, Steve Perry, Deb Eslinger, Tim Erickson, Lee Watne, Allen Gruman & Larry Olson. Others in attendance: Andrew Aakre and Brandon Smith, Moore Engineering, Bryan Pfeifer, Travis Peterson, City Attorney, Chad Johnson, Blaine Larson, Chris Olson & Nancy Lunde. Mayor Paintner asked if there had been any written protests filed. There were none. He asked if there were any protests at this time. There were none. Erickson moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mayor Paintner reconvened the special meeting.

Moore Engineering: Andrew Aakre and Brandon Smith attended the meeting representing Moore Engineering. Andrew reviewed the timeline regarding the Improvement district. He asked for a request to prepare detailed plans and specifications. Andrew also asked for a motion to approve the Master Services Agreement and Task Order #1. Erickson moved, Eslinger seconded, to direct the Engineer to prepare detailed plans and specifications. Motion carried unanimously. Eslinger moved, Perry seconded, to approve the Master Services Agreement and Task Order #1 which includes work for the design of the project and preparation of plans and specifications. Motion carried unanimously. Andrew stated the city would also need an application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to cover the water main replacement portion of the project. Erickson moved, Olson seconded, to proceed with the DWSRF application. Motion carried unanimously. He also discussed the need for taking soil borings and cores within the scope of the project. Eslinger moved, Erickson seconded, to approve Moore Engineering to contract with a geo-technical firm for soil borings and geo-technical engineering for a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Junk cars/properties: Travis Peterson, Cooperstown City Attorney, reviewed the City's Ordinance No. 2017-3 regarding blight. He reviewed the process the city can use to identify blight and the process to follow to abate nuisances in the City found in 2017-3 Section 10- Notice to Abate Nuisance. There are specific procedures that need to be

followed throughout the whole Abatement of Nuisance process. Erickson moved, Olson seconded, to approve research by the public works superintendent and 2 council members, of blighted properties in Cooperstown and to create a list of these properties. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooper Drain #3: The council discussed Cooper Drain #3, reviewing their plan made at the last meeting. Due to the number of phone calls received after decisions made at the November 2, 2020 meeting, the council discussed several other options. Any plans made should be submitted to the Griggs County Water Resource District. Perry moved, Olson seconded to have a survey of Cooper Drain #3 completed by Widseth Smith Nolting for \$27,757.00 and to discontinue any work on the drain until this is completed. This plan will be submitted to the Griggs County Water Resource District. Aye: Perry, Olson, Erickson, Gruman & Watne. Nay: Eslinger. Motion carried.

Covid-19: There was discussion of mandates that have been passed in different cities and counties in the state requiring citizens to wear masks. Travis Peterson gave the council information on what is included in a mandate which is not enforceable. Eslinger moved, Perry seconded, to approve the mandating of facial coverings in the City of Cooperstown. Motion was tabled until the next regular meeting. Travis Peterson will provide an example of the mandate to the council for discussion at the next meeting.

Perry moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor