

Cooperstown City Council
Special Meeting
May 9, 2018 – City Hall – 6:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Lee Watne, Nic Zimprich, Tim Erickson, & Welton Cochrane. Absent: Rick Cushman & Bryan Ressler. Others in attendance: Andrew Aakre, Caleb Kjetland, Nancy Lunde, Blaine Larson, & Randy Myers.

Moore Engineering:

Odegard Avenue Project: Andrew Aakre and Caleb Kjetland with Moore Engineering attended the meeting with information regarding the bids for the Odegard Avenue Project. The bids have all come in higher than expected. This bid came in at \$332,050.50 with CDBG share of \$162,175.00 and the local cost at \$169,875.50. He suggested waiting and advertising for bids again in the fall hoping to have a better outcome. He suggested that theoretically there should be funds available in the water fund for the city portion of the cost of the project. The reason for this being, the cost of the 2015 Waterline Replacement Project came in way under the bid so the increase in water revenue imposed at that time was based on what the project was bid at. There was also discussion of the cost of the pavement restoration item on the bid. There was an alternate 2 option included on the bid. The council felt the city could fill gravel in after the boring is done with the hope to replace the asphalt the following year. After much discussion the council decided that alternate 2 was the best option for the city. Cochrane moved, Watne seconded, to approve the base bid and alternate 2 with the intention of eliminating the pavement restoration item from the contract, for the Cooperstown Odegard Avenue Water and Sewer Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Railroad Survey: The survey has been started on the railroad property. Nancy Lunde clarified state law regarding tracts of land to be surveyed. She stated this has always been state law, but they are now requiring counties to follow the law by requiring surveys on larger tracts of land. It will not be required on city property which is already surveyed into lots and blocks.

Annexation: Nancy Lunde stated the council had a question regarding annexations and what size or dimensions can be annexed. Andrew Aakre stated if the areas annexed are contiguous they can be any shape. There are 2 ways to annex property. The owner can petition to be annexed into the city or the city can annex property into the city by resolution. The discussion was started due to a question regarding the proposal of a new hospital in Cooperstown. There was also discussion of a previous meeting with hospital regarding the cost of the proposed new hospital and what help with costs that they would be expecting from the city. There was extensive discussion of water, sewer and street construction costs for this new building. The city could get a general obligation bond or perhaps a local loan to pay for the donation to this project. There could also be the Infrastructure Revolving Fund which is a new fund which is a

2% loan established by the legislature. The funds have been obligated but if some of the funds were de-obligated the city might have an opportunity to have access to those funds. There was some discussion of perhaps giving the hospital a cut rate on their water billing for a specified number of years as the city's donation to this project. After reviewing a water usage report, Andrew felt the hospital could be using 6% of the city water.

City Mowing: There was some discussion regarding the seasonal mowing employee who was offered \$13.50/hour. We will wait until next week to see if he has accepted this proposal. If he does not accept, the city may have to advertise for seasonal help. The council did state that the street supervisor will need to supervise this employee to control the number of times the mowing is done each week.

Zimprich moved, Erickson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor