

Cooperstown City Council
Special Meeting
February 15, 2021 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Steve Perry, Tim Erickson, Lee Watne, Allen Gruman & Deb Eslinger. Absent: Larry Olson. Others in attendance: Harold Rotunda, CPA, Andrew Aakre and Brandon Smith, Moore Engineering, Blaine Larson & Nancy Lunde.

Moore Engineering/Street Project: Andrew Aakre and Brandon Smith attended the meeting with a project timeline for the Street Rehabilitation Project, to present to the city. There was explanation, clarification, and discussion of several areas of concern. The request for bids will be advertised with the virtual bid opening to be held March 19, 2021. There was discussion regarding how mail service to homes could be handled during this project construction. Mayor Paintner will contact the Postmistress regarding a plan for mail delivery while work is completed on the streets. Perry moved, Eslinger seconded, to approve Plans and Specifications for the Citywide Street Rehabilitation and ACP Water Main Replacement and to authorize obtaining of bids for the project, as presented by Andrew Aakre with Moore Engineering. Motion carried unanimously. Perry moved, Watne seconded, to approve the amendment for bidding services as presented by Andrew Aakre with Moore Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

Financing Projects: There was discussion regarding the financing of the Water Main Replacement portion of the Street Rehabilitation project. There are 2 options for financing this portion. One is a special assessment and one is to raise revenue by increasing your water portion of your utility bill.

Abatement: An application for abatement of taxes was approved with a motion by Eslinger, seconded by Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Lunde stated the bid opening for the sale of city lots that are available will be at the April 5, 2021 regular meeting. She also asked the council if they would be available for a March 8, 2021 special meeting which would be needed for a second reading of the annexation ordinance. The council agreed that holding the special meeting would be agreeable.

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

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor