

City of Ottertail
April 2, 2015
6:00 PM
SPECIAL MEETING

Council present: Mayor Myron Lueders, Heather Rosenthal and Ronald Grobeck.

Absent: Jill Carlson and Darold Woessner.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treas., Elaine Hanson; Coordinator, Loren Hawes; Deputy Clerk Shari Wheeler.

Others present: Bob Schlieman, Apex Engineering Group; Planning Committee members: Keith Fleischauer, Tom Behm, Mike Windey, Richard Bosse. Dan Whitehead and Karen Tolkkinen, Citizen's Advocate.

Mayor Lueders opened the regular meeting. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present. The purpose of the special meeting was to review and inform the council and other present of a recent meeting with MnDOT on the downtown project. Bob Schlieman, PE for Apex Engineering provided an agenda for this portion of the meeting. He also gave everyone minutes he had written from the meeting with MnDOT. He reviewed the minutes and highlighted the various understandings he had from the meeting. Ultimately the meeting which was held on March 18th with Mayor Lueders, Clerk Hanson and Maintenance Coordinator Hawes and representatives from MnDOT, Shiloh Wahl, Jim Utecht and Lori Vanderhider gave positive feedback in regards to some type of involvement of the state with the project. MnDOT indicated it would be involved, but at this time wasn't sure but the project would need to be moved to 2016 instead of 2015. Lori Vanderhider will be the project manager representing MnDOT.

A few issues are still to be worked out with Otter Tail Power poles and lighting for safety through MnDOT on their Hwy 108 right of way corridor.

The possibility of expanding the project to the east of the main block to allow for additional parking and drainage was discussed. Apex did not do a preliminary report for that area, but could do so at an additional charge. Having that information whether it is done or not would allow the city to be proactive in the project in case future improvements would be done with MnDOT cost sharing involvement. A motion was made by Rosenthal to order a preliminary engineering report for the work to be considered east of the downtown block. Grobeck seconded, motion carried.

Thumper Pond Resort inquired as to whether a flat rate for water to the RV park would be allowed. Staff had visited with Chad Thompson from Ferguson Waterworks and he indicated it would be to the city's best interest to have a meter. After some discussion a motion was made by Rosenthal and second by Grobeck to require Thumper Pond Resort to install a meter with cost and size to be determined to allow for the flow for the RV park and to be charged the standard commercial rate for that hook-up. Voting in favor of said motion was Rosenthal and Grobeck. Lueders abstained since he has been involved with the RV Park as an employee with Thumper Pond. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, Rosenthal moved to adjourn, carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Hanson, MCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Myron Lueders, Mayor