

MARCH 5, 2019

The Special Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in the Heritage Center/City Office. Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw, Trustees Mark Dunn, Dave Enke, and Daryl Schlapkohl were present. Mayor Bob Worth was present via phone. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper, Pat Carey and Scot Leddy with Banner Associates, Vince Robinson-DSI, and Teresa Schreurs-DSI were also present.

Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw called the meeting to order.

The business agenda for the special meeting was to review/act on funding and infrastructure improvements for MnDOT's Highway 75 Project in Lake Benton.

Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper and Pat Carey informed the Council and attendees that Banner Associates, Todd Draper, Trustees Dave Enke and Daryl Schlapkohl, and Eileen Christensen met with Gene East from MnDOT last week to discuss the proposed 2023 Highway 75 Project to include new ADA sidewalks and a mill overlay. MnDOT inquired if the City had water, sewer and sanitary sewer infrastructures planned in the near future. If not, they would not plan a reconstruct of the highway for another 10 to 15 years.

Pat Cary explained two alternatives the City can consider. Does the City want to dig up and replace the water lines, spot repair the sewer lines, and patch the surface so MnDOT can do the milling and ADA sidewalks in 2023. The second alternative to consider is does the City want to do full reconstruction of the water, sewer, sanitary sewer, and replace the manholes (that have existed since 1954 and are deteriorating), and MnDOT will do a full resurface and ADA sidewalks in 2027. MnDOT made reference to having unallocated funds in 2027 should the City commit to a full reconstruct. Should the City commit to a timeline by April 1, 2019, the City will have a good chance to be put towards the top of the list for the infrastructure reconstruction in 2027.

The Council and attendees then discussed funding options that could include a USDA Rural Development Loan, grant options, and the Small Cities Program could help offset the assessment costs for the low to moderate income households.

MOTION by Mark Dunn, seconded by Daryl Schlapkohl to commit to MnDOT that the City would like to do a full reconstruction of the water, sewer and sanitary sewer for the planned Highway 75 Project in 2027. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen will contact Gene East at MnDOT to inform him the Council is committing to a full infrastructure reconstruct on Highway 75 in 2027, inquire when the hydraulic analysis will be scheduled, and what the next step will be. Should MnDOT also commit to the reconstruction, the predevelopment planning could begin as soon as 2022.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Dunn, seconded by Daryl Schlapkohl and carried, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK