

City of Winsted
City Council Work Session
Vollmer Room
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Steve Stotko
Council Member Jeff Albers
Council Member Jesse Cafferty
Council Member Steve Ebert
Council Member Tom Ollig

Staff Present: Ms. Raquel Kirchoff, City Clerk-Treasurer

I. Call to Order

Mayor Stotko called the Work Session to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) Program – County State Aid Highway 5 (CSAH 5) Extension Project

Mr. Jake Saulsbury, Bolton and Menk, Incorporated, stated McLeod County and the City jointly received the TEDI grant of \$750,000.00. A required step of the grant process is to provide evidence of the City's commitment to their share of the project and a resolution is recommended for adoption to complete this as part of the May 2, 2023 City Council Meeting.

III. Northgate Circle Drainage

Mr. Ron Mills, 621 Northgate Circle, stated that there are current and past drainage issues at his property. He continued by stating that he believes one of the biggest issues related to draining in 2023 is the lack of street sweeping. Leaves and debris cover the drains, which causes water to come out of the catch basin that is between his property and the neighbor and runs across his yard, washing away landscaping and fertilizer. Mr. Mills stated that the neighboring yard is a little higher, so the water comes into his yard more.

Mr. Mills stated that when tree trimming was done in his neighborhood, debris was also left from the trimming and the homeowners had to clean it up.

The City Council Members stated that they would check with the Public Works Department on when street sweeping would occur and make sure that Northgate Circle would be swept soon.

Mr. Mills stated that the City has been considering some storm sewer repairs to occur in 2023; could repair work be done for the issue in his neighborhood? Council Member Ollig stated that repairs have to be budgeted for, and this type of repair is not currently budgeted for. Mr. Saulsbury explained how City staff reviews the order to address drainage issues when the City Council authorizes expenditures according to the budget, with public danger drainage issues addressed first, then risk of water getting into homes reviewed after that, and finally the nuisance level drainage issues. Mr. Saulsbury stated that the issue at Mr. Mills property would be considered a nuisance level drainage issue since there is not damage to homes occurring.

Mr. Mills stated that the drainage issues have been occurring since he has lived there, back approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) years. The City Council Members asked if Northgate Circle was included in the Pavement Management Plan. Mr. Saulsbury stated it was not included in the current plan for upcoming improvements in the next five (5) years. The City Council Members requested Mr. Saulsbury to provide an estimated price for repairs to improve drainage in the area to consider in future year budget cycles, depending upon price and other budget needs.

IV. Other

Winsted Municipal Airport – Snow Removal Equipment (SRE)

The City Council Members discussed the type of SRE equipment that is considered for purchase, the related entitlement funds available, and the deadlines for applications for the purchase.

V. Adjourn

Council Member Ollig motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Work Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Raquel Kirchoff

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City Clerk-Treasurer
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