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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, Council Member Marvin Taylor, and Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

Not Present (0): None.

4. LATERAL LINING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

City Engineer Jon Herdegen stated tonight is the first formal improvement hearing where he will give an overview presentation. The purpose of the project is to reduce the cities I/I into the sanitary sewer. The goal is to limit clean water from entering the system because then we are paying to treat clean water. Our fees for Met Council have increased 87% in the last six years and are subject to surcharges. The city has been working for several years on ways to help our I/I problem. Engineer Herdegen displayed a map of the areas they are looking to do the lateral lining project. The city received a two-million-dollar bonding bill for I/I mitigation efforts. The state money can only be used on publicly owned infrastructure. The city would be installing the T-liner that will be treated as a 3-way intersection. The city would be lining two sides of that intersection, and the property owner would be responsible for one side. The private assessments are estimated to be \$1,800-\$2,000. We would also be providing an option to extend the liner up to the house. The estimates for the extension would be \$3,500 to \$7,500. If this project is to move forward, it would be bid on later this fall. The contractor would do the television winter/sprint. The televising can be shared with the property owner to see if they want to do the extension. The work would be completed by the end of 2023. There is information for this project available on the city website.

Mayor Elliott opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

Marge Barenthin, residing at 1264 2nd Avenue, addressed the Council and stated this is a great project and she is looking forward to having this done. Ms. Barenthin stated she had a place next to her house where she had a cleanout and inquired if she would need a second cleanout by the street. Engineer Herdegen stated probably not. They can look at this during their site investigation. Ms. Barenthin inquired if roots can go through the liner and Engineer Herdegen stated no. Ms. Barenthin inquired if they choose to line to their house would the contract be with the City or the Contractor. Engineer Herdegen stated they are still working this out, but most likely with the city. The warranty and costs have not been fully determined yet.

Corbin Hopkins, residing at 1790 1st Avenue, addressed the Council. Mr. Hopkins inquired if we have been paying fines to the Met Council for the I/I issue. Engineer Herdegen stated when the city does street reconstruction project, the money we spend buys down our surcharges. Superintendent of Public Works Matt Yokiell explained the cleanout process. Mr. Hopkins inquired how resistant is the material to roto-rooter. Engineer Herdegen stated the liner is as durable as the cast iron pipe. Superintendent Yokiell stated the liner is smoother than the cast iron pipe and you don't have all the joints.

Dan Richardson, residing at 1485 Cedar Lane, addressed the Council. Mr. Richardson stated he is familiar with the lining process. He has two valves, a water valve, and a sewer valve, and inquired how the lining goes across that valve. Engineer Herdegen stated he does not believe we would line through that valve. Mr. Richardson's driveway is 160 feet long and inquired if the lining can go that far. Engineer Herdegen stated he believes they can line up to 200 feet but would have to check with the contractor.

Pauline Schottmuller, residing at 97 10th Street, addressed the Council. Ms. Schottmuller spoke about the minimum assessments of \$1800-\$2000 and inquired if the optional lining costs would be financed the same way. Engineer Herdegen stated the Council would need to make that decision. Property owners would get their televised information so they can make an educated decision before they agree do the additional lining option.

Ron Leseman, residing at 1652 Cedar Lane, addressed the Council. Mr. Leseman stated this is a great project but has some questions. Mr. Leseman inquired how they will address a sewer shut off valve in his yard. Engineer Herdegen stated they would not line through a shut-off. The impact is minimal as the cure time for liners is about 2-3 hours.

Jim Walsh, who owns 1597 & 1651 Cedar Lane, addressed the Council. Mr. Walsh inquired if 1651 Cedar Lane will be exempt by the time we do this project. Engineer Herdegen stated if there is a service line to a house that has been abandon or acquired through the FEMA funds and the service will not be used, we will do a spot liner and since it's 100% on the main there would be no cost to the property owner.

Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

Member Chapdelaine inquired if we can legally allow the homeowners to use assessment process for the private property investment. Engineer Herdegen stated we should work with the city attorney to determine if this financing can be done.

Member Chapdelaine motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-35 – Ordering the improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for the lateral lining project. Seconded by Member Johnson. Approved 5-0.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Member Johnson motioned to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. Seconded by Member Ingemann. Approved 5-0.

The Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor