

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL

July 22, 2019

12:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Dale, Council Members Miller (enter at 12:06pm), Bohn, Bajumpaa, McCann, Lambrecht (enter at 12:14pm), Bertsch, Wateland, and McNary.

Staff Present: Huwe, Lies, Miranowski, Thorsteinson, Broadland, DeVries, Bakken, Johnson, Rogahn, Wald, Fehr, Murr, and Amos.

Also Present: Frank Stanko of the Daily News, Darby Casper, Therese Gast, Tim Gast, and Denise Johnson.

Mayor Dale called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Water Treatment Plant Roof Repairs ó Miranowski explained the need for a new roof at the Water Treatment Plant now instead of waiting until next year. Murr said water is leaking in the entryways and has received a quote for approximately \$25,000 where it is quoted for about \$30,000 if wait until next year. Funds are currently available in Water Fund Equity. The new roof will have some slope so the water drains. It was noted this was not anything caused by the recent construction project. **Motion by McCann, seconded by Bertsch, to approve the Water Treatment Plant Roof Repairs in an amount of up to \$30,000 from the Water Fund Equity. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0.**

Lift Station No. 1 Wet Well Coating & Repair and Upgrades to PLCs Proj. No. SS18-240 Pay Requests ó Rogahn explained Change Order No. 1 would add \$1,601.42 for labor and materials to install wiring between the two MCCs and the PLC Control Section. **Motion by Bajumpaa, seconded by Bohn, to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Lift Station No. 1 Wet Well Coating & Repairs and Upgrades to PLC's Project No. SS18-240 in the amount of \$1,602.42 with Northern Plains Contracting. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0.**

Rogahn explained Change Order No. 2 was a deduct of \$5,520 due to lower amount of Wet Well Coating. **Motion by McCann, seconded by McNary, to approve Change Order No. 2 for Lift Station No. 1 Wet Well Coating & Repair and Upgrades to PLC's Project No. SS18-240 deduction of -\$5,520.00 with Northern Plains Contracting. Motion carried with all voting 'aye'.**

2020 Preliminary Budget Discussion & Certification of Preliminary Tax Levy

The City of Wahpeton 2020 Preliminary Budget was reviewed as presented by Finance Director Huwe. (See booklet) Huwe then referred to the Preliminary Certificate of Levy, which shows the proposed property tax levy amount. She reviewed the proposed amount levied which was a hold level amount of \$1,761,408. She reported the 2020 Budget Public Hearing is to be scheduled for Monday, September 16th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., and if all goes well there will also be adoption of the proposed budget ordinance that night. She noted this would be the second year of the change in the process where Wahpeton taxpayers will receive a Notice of Estimated Property Tax/Truth in Taxation Bill. It will show the proposed tax levy and what it will mean for their specific parcel, it will compare it to last year, and will provide a hearing schedule. Discussion held. **Motion by Bajumpaa, seconded by McCann, to approve the Preliminary Certificate of Levy as presented, with a hold level rate. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0.** Huwe noted the 2020 Budget will be referred to both the Finance and Public Works Committee agendas as we move forward, noting the mill can do down but cannot increase. Huwe asked that any questions or suggestions be directed to her.

Motion by McCann, seconded by Bohn and carried, to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

ATTEST

Steve Dale, Mayor

Lynelle Amos, Finance Assistant