

**** PUBLIC HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS ****

**CITY OF LE CENTER
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010
6:00 PM AT LE CENTER CITY HALL**

**TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS ON MINNESOTA STREET
AND SOUTH WATERVILLE AVENUE**

*** MINUTES ***

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Wetzel, Emmett Krenik, Dorothy Dinwiddie, Jason Squires, Josh Fredrickson

Absent: None

Staff: City Clerk Collins, Supt. Roemhildt, Atty. Moran, Engineer Hawbaker

II. CITY REPORT & PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Joel Hawbaker of Bolton & Menk gave a power point presentation and matching handout generally describing the project and area.. Some things discussed were:

- Proposed conditions vs. Existing conditions/ Purpose for the Improvements
- Typical street utility layout picture/ the Construction order sequence
- Project cost structure of parties involved/ Estimated costs between County, City, Residents
- Project schedule showing a June or July start date/ Contact person Mike Schmitz of BMI

III. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL & PUBLIC

Questions from Council:

- 1) How will we get water to downtown businesses if they don't have an outside faucet?? we will.
- 2) Will there be construction meetings every Monday morning like past?? yes
- 3) And will the residents be allowed to attend those?? no- separate meeting for them held if nec.

Questions from the residents:

- 1) Weber Bldg.- how many water & sewer lines will be run into his buildings? He has four building fronts, but only one water & sewer line run into it. Engineer & staff will study the building set-up and then decide. Probably two minimum.
- 2) Will the utilities all still be available during the construction?? yes- all of them.
- 3) Discussed garbage collection. Discussed overnight parking. Discussed mailbox cluster.
- 4) What is the City doing to ensure getting the best value on the project and not just taking the low bid?? (see 2006 project) Engineer Hawbaker explained that while there is a new state provision for taking "best value bids", the few times it has been tried are still stalled in court.

IV. ADJOURN HEARING

After all questions were answered, Mayor Wetzel closed the public hearing. 7:00 pm

Chris L. Collins, Admin. Clerk/Treasurer, City of Le Center