SAUK CENTRE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – 6:45 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Sauk Centre City Council met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers pursuant to due notice being given thereof. Present were Acting Mayor Warren Stone, Keith Johnson, Mike Olson and Al Coenen. Also present were City Administrator Vicki Willer, City Planner Sarah Morton, City Engineer Keith Yapp and Administrative Assistant Nicki Vogt. Acting Mayor Stone presided thereat.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Acting Mayor Stone opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. and read the Public Hearing procedure.

Procedure Synopsis. City Administrator Willer stated that this meeting is to present the 2012 Proposed Stormwater Project to the public and to take public comment. This project is the same project that was presented to the public in September; however, the financing is different which includes assessments to abutting properties only. Therefore, this hearing is for the assessment portion of the project.

She also noted the following:

- Interest rate is estimated to be at or under 3%
- The project will be a 2 year project. Year 1 will be the east/west portion and year 2 will be the north/south portion.
- Assessments will not show on property taxes until 2014.

b. City Engineer Yapp noted the project location, stating that the main problem locations include Walnut and 4th Street, Grove Lake Street and surrounding streets and the Lake Wobegon Trail and TH 71. The total project area includes 96.3 acres.

The existing storm sewer conditions:

- The existing pipes are undersized for even a 1 year rainfall event (typical design is for a 10 year event).
- The problem areas:
  - Flood prone areas have undersized pipes with low pipe slope.
  - Elm & 4th Street have 2 parallel pipes that flow to Sauk Lake. Both pipes are undersized.
  - The Junction structure near the lake is inadequate to handle large flows.
- Commercial areas generate more stormwater than residential areas. Commercial areas contain more impervious are (ex: pavement, rooftops, etc.)

Proposed Improvements:

- Pipes upsized from Walnut and 4th. This addresses the flooding at the intersection.
- Pipes upsized in the Grove Lake Street area to address the flooding there.
- Extension of pipes south of the Grove Lake Street area to help reduce flooding at the Lake Wobegon Trail/TH 71 underpass.
- Flow from these areas is directed through a new trunk storm sewer to the east.
- The outlet will discharge into a wetland adjacent to the Sauk River.
- Portions of the existing storm sewer system will remain in place as part of the new system.
- The new trunk main under 4th Street will benefit a larger land area.
- Addresses the current flooding problem and serves an additional drainage basin.

The Cost Estimates for the Special Assessments are:

Item	Estimated Project Cost	Benefitting Units	Unit	Estimated Asmnt per Equiv SF unit	Typical SF unit (75 FF, .25 ac)	Assessed Costs	City Cost
Streets	198,365.06	5,137	FF	$ 19.3075	1,448.06	99,182.53	99,182.53
Storm Sewer	871,267.96	-	SF	-	- .00		871,267.96
Water Service	100,820.65	41	Ea	2,459.04	2,459.04	100,820.65	-
Sewer Service	69,492.50	39	Ea	1,781.86	1,781.86	69,492.50	-
Total Cost	**1,239,946.17**					**269,495.68**	**970,450.49**
				Typical w/street & services	5,698.96		
				Typical Street Only	1,448.06		

Yapp stated that the final assessment would be based on actual cost. Assessments will not be placed on the tax roll until after the fall, 2013 Assessment Hearing.

c. Questions of staff/engineer by City Council.

d. Questions by Members of the Public.

Bradley Winters – Winter Properties: 715 Getty Street. Mr. Winters was curious if the City was going to put in two extra stubs on his property. Engineer Yapp stated he would need to request additional stubs which would be assessed against his parcel. They would be connected at the property line and it would be the property owner's responsibility to connect from the property line to the home.

Reid Strickler – 535 South 6th St. Mr. Strickler asked for clarification regarding the assessments. The assessments are calculated from the main to the right of way. Costs from the right of way to the home are optional and is the responsibility of the homeowner.

e. Public Comments/In Favor/Opposed. See above.

4. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Discussion.

5. ACTION

a. Resolution No. 2011-79 Ordering Improvement.

Council Member Olson introduced Resolution No. 2011-79, Ordering Improvement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Olson, Johnson, Coenen and Acting Mayor Stone. Against: None. Absent: Mayor Rykken. The motion passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Olson and seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Olson, Johnson, Coenen and Acting Mayor Stone. Absent: Mayor Rykken. The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Council, Acting Mayor Stone adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

//s// Warren Stone_____
Acting Mayor Warren Stone

//ss// Vicki Willer_____
City Administrator Vicki M. Willer