

CITY OF PHILIP COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
January 26, 2023

A special meeting of the Philip City Council was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Haakon Co. Courthouse. Present were Council Members Marion Matt, Greg Arthur, Terri Pelle, Marty Gartner, and Scott Pinney. Also present were City Administrator Brittany Smith, Jeff McCormick, Jacob Sonne, and Carter Klapperich with SPN & Assoc., Nicole Gordan and Paul Mehlhaff with CSDED via Teams; and later, Mayor Brit Miller,

Absent: Council Member Joni Parsons

In Mayor Miller's absence at the beginning of the meeting, Council President Matt called the meeting to order stating that the purpose of the meeting was to review various infrastructure projects with the City Engineers from SPN & Assoc.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Pelle, seconded by Pinney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Infrastructure Project Updates

Jeff McCormick, Jacob Sonne and Carter Klapperich, Engineers with SPN & Assoc., addressed the Council on the following projects.

Northeast Sewer Improvement Project:

Engineers reviewed two options for the Council to consider moving forward with the project and they are as follows: (1) request additional funding from SD Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR), or (2) reduce the scope of work.

Council was reminded that the original project was estimated at \$305,965, and only one bid was received in the amount of \$874,047.50. The option to reduce the scope of work would include six sewer main spot repairs along with the replacement of seven manholes adjacent to the spot repairs at the engineer's estimated cost of \$395,026. Said updated cost estimate is based off the bid received in Oct. 2022.

Discussion ensued. The current available funding for the project is \$353,500 which leaves a shortfall of \$41,526 for the reduced scope of work. The available funding includes ARPA funds that must be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. It was also mentioned that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds may be available to assist in financing the project as originally planned. Bidding the project alongside another project to warrant more competitive bids may also be an option.

CA Smith will work with the Central SD Enhancement District (CSDED) to review the CDBG funding option.

No action was taken.

Stewart / Elm / Pine Street Improvement Project:

The final design plans were reviewed along with discussing a proposed retaining wall at the intersection of Stewart Ave. and Elm St. The current engineer's cost estimate for the project is \$1,271,908.50 of which \$65,184.40 would be assessable at the city's current policy.

It was mentioned that this project would qualify for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans and/or grants. In addition, CDBG and Community Access funds may also be an available funding source.

The engineer's will be submitting the plans to the SD DANR for review and approval.

CA Smith will also work with the CSDED to review various funding options.

No action was taken.

Hansen Subdivision:

The engineer's design report was reviewed in detail which reflected the recommended layout of 16 large developable lots, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water and street improvements.

The potential funding opportunities for the project include the Housing Infrastructure Fund (SB 41-- passed by the Legislature this week), SRF loans and local cash.

By general consensus of the Council, the engineer's were directed to proceed with the final design of the project. The engineer's design report along with an engineering agreement and State Water Plan application will be presented for approval during the Feb. 6th meeting.

Myrtle / High / Hone / Dupree Street Improvement Project:

The preliminary design plans were reviewed along with options for the turnaround at the end of High St.

By general consensus of the Council, the end of High St. will be designed without a turnaround.

Philip Avenue Improvement Project:

The preliminary design plans were reviewed along with options for the turnaround at the end of Philip Ave.

By general consensus of the Council, the end of Philip Ave. will be designed without a turnaround and improvements on Bridge St. will be included as part of the project.

(For the record, the information reviewed during the meeting is available on the city website and in the City Administrator's office.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

With nothing further, Mayor Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

/s/ Brit Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Brittany Smith, City Administrator

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