

MINUTES
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION
March 5, 2018
City Hall Conference Room A

PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Stiehm, Council Members Jeff Austin, Steve King, Judy Enright, Steve King and David Hagen

ABSENT: Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson, Council Members Laura Helle and Paul Fischer

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom Dankert, Public Works Director Steven Lang, Assistant City Engineer Mitch Wenum, Sewer Maintenance Supervisor Mike Loucks and City Clerk Ann Kasel

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Angerman, Austin Daily Herald

Mayor Stiehm opened the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Item No. 1 – I & I Presentation

Public Works Director Steven Lang introduced Bill Angerman with WHKS Engineering, the company that the City hired to implement the inflow and infiltration program.

Mr. Angerman stated a sump pump program is recommended to reduce the flow of storm water to the waste water treatment plant. The program will give the City a good return on their money invested in the program by saving money at the plant due to treating less clean storm water. It is much costlier to upgrade the sanitary sewer size and waste water treatment capacity than to reduce the amount of water going into the system.

The program would be implemented with a public meeting and ordinance change by the City Council. Residents would then schedule an inspection on their system. If the system is found to be non-compliant, the resident would be given information as to how to correct the problem.

WHKS would also implement smoke testing to identify inflow sources in the sanitary sewer system and pipe leaks.

Ordinance would be on the March 19, 2018 work session and on the regular Council meeting on April 3, 2018.

For Council informational purposes only, no Council action needed at this time.

Item No. 2 – 4th Avenue Traffic Study

Public Works Director Steven Lang stated SEH completed a traffic study on 4th Avenue NE in anticipation of the Recreational Center opening. They studied current traffic patterns and anticipated traffic patterns with the new rec center. Mr. Lang stated the intersection isn't expected to be busy enough for a stop light in the future and would not be eligible for State Aid funding for the construction of one. Mr. Lang reviewed different parking and curb options for 4th Avenue NE. He stated the City would continue to work with the rec center design team.

For Council information only, no additional Council action needed at this time.

Item No. 3 – Administrative Report

None.

Item No. 4 - Open Discussion

None.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member Austin, adjourning the work session at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann M. Kasel
City Clerk