

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Administrator Ron Johnson

SUBJECT: 2nd St SW- water main/street project

DATE: May 15, 2014

BACKGROUND

The water main on this street between North St W and Belle St W had several breaks over a weekend at the end of April. Many of the affected residents are being served with temporary water service. Greg Anderson, SEH, provided the Public Works Commission on May 13 with an estimate of \$65,000 to replace the 4" water main with a 6" water main, and an estimate of an additional \$75,000 to complete the street construction. The Public Works Commission discussed conducting a complete 429 (special assessment) improvement process noting that this could take a substantial amount of time due to the hearing process and bidding process. They also discussed calling for proposals strictly for the water main project. Because the estimated cost is well under \$100,000 for the water main project, a formal bid project isn't necessary, but proposals would have to be obtained. Staff was directed to discuss the project with the City Attorney for further information as to options to proceed. At the time of this Council packet distribution, staff has consulted with City Attorney Knutson, but still has research to conduct before providing financing recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff intends to have some options available to Council prior to, or at, the May 20 City Council meeting.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

To be determined.

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Administrator Ron Johnson

SUBJECT: Addendum- 2nd St SW water main/street project

DATE: May 20, 2014

BACKGROUND

Information about the project is included in a separate memo that was included in the packet. It was stated in that memo that staff intends to have some options available to Council prior to, or at, the May 20 Council meeting. City Administrator Johnson has discussed options with Assistant City Administrator Endres and with George Eilertson, Northland Securities, and Mary Ippel, Briggs & Morgan. The recommendation that follows will facilitate the replacement of the water main in the most timely, yet still cost effective, manner.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending breaking down this project into two components- 1) replacement of the water main, and 2) reconstruction of the street. Because the estimated cost of the water main is well under \$65,000 the city can obtain two proposals for the project (rather than go through a lengthier formal bid process). This portion of the project would be done under the authority given to the city through Chapter 444 of the MN Statutes. Reconstruction of the street could be done through a Chapter 429 special assessment project.

Presently, all that is needed to begin the water main project process would be a motion to call for proposals for installation of a 6" water main. Council should then direct the City Engineer to complete a feasibility report for reconstruction of the one block of street as required by the 429 special assessment process.

Although not a part of this meeting, the funding for this project would be combined in a single bond issue with the 318th St Improvements Project. George Eilertson, Northland Securities, will attend a future meeting to discuss with council.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

- 1) Approve a motion authorizing the City Engineer to request proposals to replace the 4" water main with a 6" water main on 2nd St SW between North St W and Belle St W.
- 2) Approve a motion directing the City Engineer to complete a feasibility report for reconstruction of the street portion of 2nd St SW between North St W and Belle St W.