

**TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

**FROM: City Administrator Ron Johnson**

**SUBJECT: Approve Legacy Grant Application for 3<sup>rd</sup> St Bridge Design, Construction Scope and Cost Estimate**

**DATE: April 18, 2016**

### **BACKGROUND**

At the February 9 City Council planning workshop meeting, one of the items that staff was looking for direction on was the 3<sup>rd</sup> St bridge. By consensus, Council directed staff to look for options to utilize and preserve the bridge.

I was made aware of the possible eligibility for a MN Historical Society Legacy Grant for funds to pay for the cost of preparation of a design, construction scope and cost estimate for a rehabilitation project of the bridge. This would be a grant of approximately \$145,000.

Based on the direction given at the February 9 meeting, I expressed the city's interest in applying, and was notified last week that our project will be one of five projects funded. A consulting firm, Mead and Hunt, will be completing the application on our behalf.

Although no formal Council approval is currently being requested by the State of MN, staff is recommending that Council express approval of the Legacy Grant application by a formal motion.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Approve a motion supporting an application for a MN Historical Society Legacy Grant for funds to pay for the cost of preparation of a design, construction scope and cost estimate for a rehabilitation project of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge.

Attachment(s):