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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 14, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Travis L. Winter, P.E., City Engineer
Subject: Northwest Area Street and Utility Improvements
City of Winnebago, Minnesota
Project No.: F17.108776

Below is a compilation of my notes regarding the questions and comments made at the March 24th, 2015 Public Meeting on the above referenced project:

1. Tim Heinz
 - a. Owns 3 properties in the area
 - b. Is a past council member
 - c. Figures the impact to be around \$545/yr for all tax payers
 - d. That is a lot of money for most residents
 - e. Understands that there is more work to come in the future
 - f. How will the City pay for future projects?
 - g. Feels that savings on gravel streets would be more than the \$400,000 presented by engineer.
 - h. Would the gravel streets also bring a smaller assessment?
 - i. Believes the tax value would remain the same despite street and utility improvements.
2. Dean Johnson
 - a. Question the cost benefit of constructing a trenchless forcemain vs. open trench when the roads are under construction.
 - b. Will the streets and sewer lines going to end in the same locations?
 - c. Should the watermain be looped at the north end of the project?
 - d. Should so much water go to the detention pond?
 - e. Question size of 54" outlet to the west. Can more detention be provided that would reduce the pipe size?
 - f. What is the return frequency of the storm sewer design?
 - g. Wondering if there are other pavement options than 4" bituminous (reclamation of existing streets, etc.)
 - h. What will the street design be (5-ton, 7-ton, 9-ton)?
 - i. Would geotextile fabric be beneficial to the longevity of the streets?
 - j. What is the cost savings to narrow the streets?
 - k. If more green space was created (by narrowing roads) would there be less rain water?
 - l. Would a wet pond be more efficient?



- m. Will 3' concrete aprons be constructed at driveways?
 - n. What type of curb & gutter will be used? B618 or B612? Is B612 cheaper?
 - o. Will the watermain be connected to the 12" or 4" watermain on the Jackson Road?
3. Damon Nimrick
- a. Owns the proposed pond area
 - b. Water will be 1.5' deep when flooding occurs
 - c. Question if it would be a dry pond or a wet pond.
 - d. Wishes to work with the City to make stormwater improvements
 - e. Has considered moving dirt from low area where pond is proposed and berming by house.
 - f. Comment on effect of increased tax burden on senior citizens and deferred assessments.
 - g. Question regarding designation of 1st St NW as a truck route.
4. Doug Osborn
- a. Feels that curb & gutter / bituminous streets are not needed
 - b. Feels that residents don't want paved streets in this project area
5. Jerry Johanson
- a. Costs are scary
 - b. Feels that the improvements won't impact the tax value (appraisal) of the property
 - c. Trend has been that the population of the area is decreasing
6. Terry Hicks
- a. Would like to see project related materials available on the City website.
 - b. Wondering what research has been done on availability of grants?
 - c. Questioned that property values will increase from the improvements.
 - d. Wondering what is being done to attract industry to the City? Use of City website to attract business?
7. Scott Philips
- a. Believes that unpaved streets should stay unpaved.
8. Jesse Haugh
- a. Doesn't like the proposed \$750 tax increase on his property.
 - b. Wants the City to find outside funding for this project.
9. Rick Johnson
- a. Shared that the inclusion of sidewalks and other items have been discussed at the Utility Committee level.
 - b. Pointed out how the stormwater is routed in this area and commented on the size of the overall watershed.
 - c. Commented that there is a stormwater conveyance benefit to paved streets and curb & gutter
 - d. Commented that creating the pond area as proposed will require property acquisition
10. Chris Ziegler
- a. Addressed a number of questions
11. Travis Winter
- a. Addressed questions