WOOD LAKE PUBLIC HEARING ON RD/SCDP PROJECT/APPLICATION

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.—COMMUNITY CENTER SMALL ROOM

Council members Mayor, David Stelter, Wayne Tonn, Tammi Mueller, and Sean Brovold, along with the city clerks, Brenda Drager and Ashley VanHecke were present. Council Member, Brad Timm, absent.

Visitors in attendance Josh Johnson with BOLLIG, Inc. No residents present for Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor, David Stelter, at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda was provided by Josh Johnson with BOLLIG, Inc.

The city is currently applying to MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program (SCDP), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD), and other funding sources for a public facility project to address drinking water distribution needs.

The MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) offers a \$600,000 grant available for drinking water work. The program has a two-step grant program. The city has submitted the preliminary proposal so now it is time to prepare the full application. The full application requires a Public Hearing, which was completed this evening, Monday, April 17, 2023.

The selected alternative is to replace the drinking water distribution system, sanitary and storm sewer collection system. This would include replacing the existing cast iron water distribution system, new gate valves, curb stops and fire hydrants. Sanitary sewer mains and manholes would be replaced, and storm sewer would be added to provide proper drainage throughout the city. Phase 3 will be focusing on the South/Southeast side of the city. There are no impacts anticipated to historic properties or resources. Updates/renovations and/or the replacement of the water tower were also discussed. Josh provided physical maps of the city project which showed proposed new location for a new water tower.

Total cost is currently estimated to be \$4,780,000 for Phase 3. Project funding includes the SCDP grant in the amount of \$600,000, USDA RD funds from current infrastructure projects, and new loan and grant funds from USDA RD but the city is pursuing additional funding sources as well.

Implementation is expected fall 2023-early 2024 but timing is ultimately dependent on the city's receipt of funding, which is out of the city's direct control.

Project staff includes the City Clerk, with admin support and engineering services from Bollig Inc.

Motion to pass resolution to submit application to SCDP for funding made by Mueller and seconded by Brovold. Motion passed with all in favor.

There being no public comments or questions, a motion was made by Brovold and seconded by Mueller to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with all in favor. Mayor Stelter adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor AuVanHuur Clerk/Treasurer