COUNCIL MEETING: February 19, 2025
CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tim Eiler, Council Thomas Schufman, Randy Ebert, Terrill Anderson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Carolyn Brooks
STAFF PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brenda Fisk
OTHERS PRESENT: Hayden Cordell

Adopt Minutes

- 02/05/2025 Council Meeting
  Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Ebert for approval of 2/5/2025 minutes. All aye 4/0

Correspondence/Reports/Commission Minutes:

- Metropolitan Council Ongoing Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Program Peak Hourly Discharge Goals: FYI
- Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Survey of Sewer User Data for 2024: FYI
- 2025 Water Conservation Report for 2024 Water Use: FYI
- Fire Partnership 1/21/2025 Meeting Summary: FYI
- Musco Lighting final payment: FYI
- Matching Grant opportunities for playgrounds and equipment: FYI
- Parks/Planning Commission 02/11/2025 Draft Minutes: meeting was not held due to quorum not present.

Business Items:

- January Cash Control Report:
  Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Ebert to approve January Cash Control Report. All aye 4/0
- Resolution 2025-07 Payment of Bills:
  Motion made by Schufman and seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution 2025-07 Payment of Bills. All aye 4/0
- Resolution 2025-08 Approval of using Consent Agenda for Council Meetings:
  Motion made by Schufman and seconded by Ebert to approve Resolution 2025-08 Approval of using Consent Agenda for Council Meetings.

  Anderson requested to amend resolution by remove the word "objects" and replace it with "discuss." All aye 4/0
- Consideration to begin process to act as issuer with consent of the City of Hopkins in 2025, of 501(c)(3) bank-qualified revenue bond. The proceeds of the bonds will be loaned to Augustana Care Chapel View Homes:

  Adm/Clk/Trs requested motion to approve a negotiator for administrative costs. Council agreed that Mayor Eiler would act as negotiator.

  The final administrative fee will be listed in a Resolution considered at a City Public Hearing.
- Fire Service Partnership Finance Committee request for each city to discuss what percentage increase in the Fire Department budget under a Joint Powers Agreement is reasonable keeping in mind the benefits of additional services.

  Adm/Clk/Trs Fisk explained the budget of $1,859,463 combining the 2025 services of the St. Boni Fire Department and the Mound Fire Department. A new budget under a JPA including Mound, St. Boni, Minnetrista and Spring Park includes a full-time Fire Chief in St. Boni and duty officers is estimated at $2,300,000 a 24% increase. Under a 50/50 market value/calls hours formula with the exception of market value only which results in an expense decrease for St. Boni, the St. Boni portion of the budget is 6.12%, the same under the majority of the formulas for St. Boni portion. Using the example St. Boni portion would equate to an increase of $25,000 in the St. Boni tax levy which is a 2.5% increase in the St. Boni tax levy.

Council discussed the capital equipment of trucks being contributed to the JPA while the station would remain the property of St. Boni. Maintenance and future construction of fire stations in the JPA may be the expense of all cities in the JPA however it is unclear at this time.

After further discussion, the council came to consensus that they are comfortable with a 6-7% increase based on formulas, which translates to a St. Boni 2.5% levy increase.

- Andy Harvala request to be appointed to the Park/Planning Commission (2-year term):
  Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Ebert to appoint Andy Harvala for a 2-year term to the Park/Planning Commission. All aye 4/0
- Scoreboard Pledge Agreement amendment:
  Motion made by Ebert and seconded by Anderson to amend the pledge to 5 -5x5 panels for $10,000 with option to pay $1,000 each year for 10 years.

  Adm/Clk/Trs commented that the current pledge requests of $60,000 and $30,000 have not been sent to T-Mobile, Dish Wireless, Xcel, Centerpoint, MediaCom, Frontier, Comcast, or MetroNet. Suggested trying again with these larger companies with the current pledge request.

  Council would like Adm/Clk/Trs to find out if there is an initial or reoccurring cost to make the advertisement panel.

  Council felt there was not enough information to move ahead with amending the pledge. Ebert withdrew his motion and Anderson withdrew his second. Item tabled.
- Advertisement draft for selling of Sewer Jetter:
  Public Works is requesting ABM to give estimate of what the sewer jetter is worth therefore tabled.
- Townsedge Windscreen Beacon Athletics $1,867.64 quote:
  Motion made by Schufman and seconded by Ebert to approve Townsedge Windscreen Beacon Athletics quote for $1,867.64 for Townsedge. All aye 4/0
- International Union of Operating Engineer's proposal/request to implement summer hours for Public Works:
  Motion made by Schufman and seconded by Ebert to approve the International Union of Operating Engineer's proposal/request to implement summer hours for Public Works.

  Council acknowledged Adm/Clk/Trs Fisks memo listing current hours of Monday – Friday 7:00am-3:00pm and union request hours of Monday – Thursday 6:00am – 3:00pm and Friday 6:00am-10:00am.

  Concerns were discussed about early morning wet grass, mowing hours, weed/fertilizer application getting done Monday through Thursday, along with inability to be present if contractor in town on Fridays after 10:00 but Public Works did not feel this was a concern. Council also felt the seasonal workers could mow on Fridays.

  Motion amended to state summer hours would be for a period of one year from Memorial Day to Labor Day and reviewed for next year. All aye 4/0

  Since this is a temporary approval, Adm/Clk/Trs does not see any need to change the union contract and will report back to council if the union does not agree.

Unfinished/New Business:

- 1/25/2025 Workshop staff directed remaining items to be considered at the 3/5/2025 council meeting: FYI
- Playground equipment for Memorial Park has been delivered and is being stored at Public Works. Curbing is planned for the middle of May. Mayor Eiler expressed concerns about Public Works excavating into the slope. Fisk reported only enlarging 2 feet to the north.

Adjournment:

- Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Ebert to adjourn. All aye 4/0
  8:25 pm

ATTEST:

Brenda Fisk

Brenda Fisk, Adm/Clerk/Treasurer