

**Orono City Council
Work Session Minutes
Monday, November 26, 2018
Council Chambers 5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Walsh, Council Members Richard F. Crosby II, Wendy Dankey and Aaron Printup. Representing staff were City Administrator Dustin Rief, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Adam Edwards, Community Development Director Jeremy Barnhart, Finance Director Ron Olson and City Clerk Anna Carlson.

GUESTS: David Martini, Matt Johnson

Meeting Start Time: 5:05 p.m.

1. 2019 Street Projects Update

Bolten & Menk representative David Martini presented an overview of the four roads up for projects in 2019. Martini explained the projected costs and improvements to be made to East Long Lake Road. He noted two reasons for reclaiming a small portion of the road were to provide continued access to a property and the first section of the Trail that will begin there.

Martini explained the upgrades that will be made to Tonka View Lane and Chevy Chase Drive to help mitigate the drainage issues.

Mayor Dennis Walsh asked Martini to explain the issues. Martini mentioned that there is an excess of rain water draining onto properties and the rain water then sits in the area and deteriorates the road. He noted part of the project will address the drainage issues. Public Works Director/City Engineer Adam Edwards mentioned the needs to reshape and redirect the drainage way slightly.

Martini explained the plans for upgrades to Forest Arms Landing. He discussed the 2019 schedule of projects.

Edwards recommended that East Long Lake Road to be a contingency road in case costs were looking to exceed the budget.

Edwards mentioned that we were approached by the City of Plymouth in regards to repairs needed to be made to Ferndale Road North. The City of Plymouth is looking to reconstruct, pave and repair the storm water system. Plymouth is willing to finance the project and work on the details with Orono.

Walsh noted that he would like to review roads again in the spring before we commit to certain roads for 2020.

2. Budget Update

Finance Director Ron Olson presented the budget update. He noted that the City Council will be adopting the final budget and levy at the December 10th meeting. Olson mentioned that the tax capacity rate decreased slightly and that Orono is one of the four cities that has not completely recovered to the peak of home values of 2008.

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Walsh mentioned that the city has dedicated ourselves to the density and lifestyle of Orono and because of that we may end up paying a little more for some things.

Olson explained the various Enterprise Funds that are seeing increases and decreases. Walsh mentioned that we have budgeted well in areas to stay ahead of the curve and in the long run, we will be able to take advantage of the responsible budgeting we are doing now. Olson noted that adopting the Capital Improvement Plan will not automatically approve all purchases, it is used as a guide to be used for budget.

3. Comprehensive Plan Update

Community Development Direct Jeremy Barnhart distributed the paper maps for the Comp plan. He explained that the Comp Plan will be presented at the December 10th meeting and that any additional changes have been posted on the website. Barnhart mentioned that the packet distributed tonight has all the comments received by the public. The Planning Commission met on the November 18th and have approved the Comp Plan. Once it is approved it will be submitted, and if any other changes are received, it will be brought back for approval.

Walsh mentioned that he would like to make sure the guidelines were modified back to the original plans.

Council Member Aaron Printup asked why the numbers have changed so drastically since the numbers shown in June.

Barnhart referred to the Transportation map depicted on page 4a3. Orono originally included the entire area of the map and only needed to include the Orono section only. Because the Orono area is much smaller than the entire map area, the numbers decreased drastically.

4. Food Fund Balance

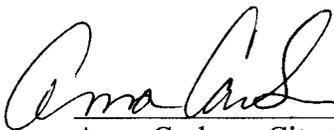
There was discussion regarding the Food Fund Balance. The At Risk Kids funds is at \$6,000.

5. Mission/Goals

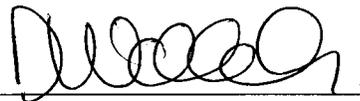
City Administrator Dustin Rief presented a handout in regards to the City's mission/goals and strategies. It will be discussed at the January Council Work Session.

Meeting End 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Anna Carlson, City Clerk



Dennis Walsh, Mayor