

City of Oronoco
Special City Council Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2009
7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm .

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilor Paul Briggs, Councilor Kevin McDermott, Councilor Brian Breider, Councilor Jackie Hall, Mayor Scott Keigley, and Clerk Sandy Jessen.

III. ORONOCO PARK & DAM CONTRACT

Questions remaining: Councilor Brian Breider; the city will own the park and take over operations of the dam with no increases. If there is a breach of contract will the funds for that year only need to be paid or the complete amount? Tom Ryan; the intent was to repay everything up to that date of breach to protect the park and an incentive to the city to maintain the park. Councilor Brian Breider; insurance requirements there are certain limits; not as concerned with the park, but the dam may be an issue. There are still concerns of the liability perspective, if something goes wrong. Annual maintenance; what's the liability and who will be responsible to do the maintenance? Tom Ryan; a secondary maintenance person, Steve Wittlief is the main county employee and then there is a second person Jerry Sobeck. Tomorrow Jerry will be there with Brennan to answer questions they may have as they put in the flashboards. The city will have resources to pay a gate keeper. The draft of the dam report is in and the city will be receiving a copy. Councilor Brian Breider; not comfortable with the holding them harmless clause, would be more comfortable finding the funds to do the flashboards. Mayor Scott Keigley; the flashboards are a one year only offer. **Councilor Kevin McDermott motioned to accept Option 2 for both the park and the dam, Mayor Scott Keigley second; ayes: Mayor Scott Keigley, Councilor Kevin McDermott, Councilor Jackie Hall, naves: Councilor Brian Breider, Councilor Paul Briggs, motion passes.**

IV. WEST FRONTAGE ROAD

Terry Ward from MNDOT; presented a map and a tentative project schedule. As of today the project is not funded. MNDOT would need an answer by September at the very latest; if the west frontage road is added to the project. MNDOT would build the road and help the city acquire the right of way. The City would be responsible for the environmental update and the cost of acquiring the ROW. Terry Ward believes this is their best offer; the land will be acquired with their assistance. There was an appraisal done in approximately 2005 and was about \$135,000. MnDOT will appraise, certify, and go through condemnation of the property, if required. Terry will look up and figure out a quick estimate of the amount of land needed. The proposal is for a rural type design, an urban type is higher in cost with curb and gutter.

The North interchange would remain open until the new Elk Run interchange is complete. Terry Ward; Elk Run is a challenging location estimates for 2025 traffic show the need for another interchange between the overpass and the one that their proposing with a full build out of the development. The original plan for the north

end of Oronoco showed the overpass with no access; the right on and right off was an interim of the system, they will remain open until the Elk Run interchange is open to traffic. The realignment of the county road will be up to the county; the alignment may be a future project. Friday is the deadline for the funding submittal.

Councilor Brian Breider; would the city have to annex the land into the city prior to acquiring the ROW? Terry; you have to have the property deeded to the city so MNDOT can commission the land to build the road.

Councilor Kevin McDermott; how soon before MNDOT would start the process? Terry Ward; will start appraising land in a short amount of time. Request a letter letting MNDOT know if the city is interested or a letter of support for the Elk Run interchange project from the City.

Mayor Scott Keigley motioned to sign on to the letter of support requested, Councilor Jackie Hall second; all in favor, motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott Keigley motioned to adjourn, Councilor Kevin McDermott second; all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Clerk

Mayor