

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1670 STIEGER LAKE LANE
VICTORIA, MINNESOTA**

WORKSHOP MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Funk called the Workshop to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mayor Tom Funk; Council members Judy Black, Tom Gregory, Deb McMillan, and Tom Vogt.

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Dana Hardie, City Clerk Cindy Patnode, Park & Recreation/Public Works Director Ann Mahnke, Engineer Cara Geheren and City Attorney Bob Vose.

Others present: Planning Commission members Scott Stensland and Jerret Coon, Finance Committee and Parks and Recreation member Jon Carlson.

There were approximately 50 audience members in attendance.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Marsh Lake Road

City Manager Hardie introduced the topic of Marsh Lake Road informing the public that this topic has been discussed for many months. After the presentation by the Engineer this evening, the Council is scheduled to make a decision during the regular meeting. Ms. Hardie stated that there are no staff preferred options and all three are viable options. Option 1 is to County standards and Options 2 & 3 would be designed as city roads.

Engineer Geheren gave the Marsh Lake Road Project presentation and stated the information was given at the neighborhood meeting held July 15th. A petition labeled "Lakeside Estates Petition Against a County Road on Marsh Lake Road" was submitted (to eliminate Option 1 from consideration and ask Carver County to divert the funds to improve 82nd Street) along with comments from residents (mostly in favor of a combination of Options 2 & 3) and were included in the Council packet. Ms. Geheren stated direction to do more research or approve one of the options would be the goal during the regular session.

Option 1 is the County recommended improvement for Marsh Lake Road, which is an extension of CR 14/Pioneer Trail coming out of Chaska. The Preliminary Design was completed by the County and estimated costs are \$8,425,250. The estimated costs to acquire right-of-way (ROW) are included in this price but it is an unknown cost and could vary from their range of \$600,000 - \$800,000.

Option 2 was based on Council direction at the April 8th meeting for a 9-ton road with curb and gutter and includes a trail on north side. As a width was not directed by the Council, she calculated costs based on a 32' wide road. However, she stated that Council can direct her to go as low as 26' or as high as 38' wide and still use state aid funds, keeping in mind that width changes cost. The pricing for Option 2 is based off of a budgeting template and estimated at \$4,593,000 which includes \$370,000 for a new trail.

Option 3 was based on a 7-ton road, no curb and gutter, and no trail and does not include a sand layer in the subgrade which is a city standard. Although the graphic shows ditches, no new ditches would be created, and subgrade corrections could raise costs. This option has minimal disturbance/impact on adjacent properties. The pricing for Option 3 is based off of a budgeting template and estimated at \$1,438,000. Adding sand to the subgrade would increase costs by \$674,000.

Option 4 would be to do nothing at this time.

A Decision Matrix was requested by Council which is included in the Council packet. Engineer Geheren responded to questions that she received from Council members prior to the meeting regarding the project and they are included in the Workshop packet that can be accessed on-line.


Summary of Council/staff discussion:

Speed limits are set by State Statute; clarification was made that all new roads in Victoria have been built to a 9-ton standard; some reconstructed streets were built to a 7-ton to keep assessments down for residents but they had lower volume traffic; discussed life cycle maintenance; spring road restrictions are set 2-ton less than what they are designed for; discussed various ways to change the options; realignment of portion of Marsh Lake Road; how the project will get funded; condition of road will be determined by borings and will note corrections needed; history of the current road design for the Lakeside Estates Development was based on the projections from the County at that time; any trail designed would be for the full length of Marsh Lake Road.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Vogt, seconded by McMillan, to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Cindy Patnode, City Clerk


Thomas C. Funk, Mayor