

**Brainerd, MN
December 10, 2018**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special Meeting of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President Pritschet.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Stunek, Bevans, Badeaux, Johnson, Hilgart, Lambert, Pritschet, and Mayor Menk. Also present were City Administrator Torstenson, Finance Director Hillman, City Engineer Sandy, Police Chief McQuiston, and Parks Director Sailer.

Consideration of ISD181 revised Property Acquisition and Construction Plans

The Chair opened a Public Comment Period.

Mr. Ed Shaw, 521 N 9th St., Brainerd thanked the Council and the Planning Commission for their work in the project in obtaining a revised plan from the school board. He stated the revised plan reduces the parking lots, but it is still not a good idea. It involves taking a large amount of property, spending millions of dollars, and converting areas of the City into asphalt for parking. He stated that Council should not make a final decision tonight.

The Chair closed the Public Comment Period.

Mayor Menk stated one issue that needs more discussion is 15th Street by Harrison Elementary that the district proposed making into a one-way street. He indicated he would like the school board and City Engineer Sandy to review the final layout that is being proposed and consider a different option.

Council discussion took place.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAMBERT TO APPROVE THE REVISED PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 15TH STREET ONE-WAY PROPOSAL AND DIRECT THE CITY ENGINEER TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ON OTHER OPTIONS FOR 15TH STREET SE.

The motion died for lack of a second.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY ALDERMEN STUNEK AND BEVANS TO DIRECT THE ENGINEERING STAFF TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR A REVISED OPTION FOR THE 15TH STREET PLANS AND TO REVIEW ALL SITE PLANS.

Members Stunek, Bevans, Badeaux, Hilgart and Johnson voted "aye". Members Lambert and Pritschet voted "nay". The Chair declared the motion carried.

2019 Budget and Levy Working Fund Discussion

Finance Director Hillman presented an overview of the Minnesota property tax timeline, a comparison of the City's Estimated Market Value for pay years 2018 and 2019, the 2019 Levy and Budget, and the estimated impact to both Residential Homestead and Commercial/Industrial Properties.

Public Hearing

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The Chair recognized Mr. Chuck Marohn, 616 N 4th St., Brainerd who stated his views regarding the City Hall project and how it relates to the budget and levy.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ed Shaw who spoke about the City Hall project and the need to retain old buildings in Brainerd. He stated Brainerd is a modest city that cannot afford this amount of money to proceed with this project.

The Chair recognized Mr. Marvin Johnston, 1910 Graydon Ave., Brainerd who stated he donated a parcel of land to the City and the tax statement from Crow Wing County still shows it in his name and delinquent on taxes. Staff will be in contact with the county and will respond to Mr. Johnston promptly.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Cassandra Torstenson
City Administrator