

**Lake City Common Council  
Retreat Workshop Hwy 61 project  
April 25, 2016  
Council Chambers  
5:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Joel Beckman, Mary Lou Waltman, Greg Schreck Mark Spence, Russell Boe, Randy Klipfel, Andru Peters (arrives 5:37 pm)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Mark Sievert, City Clerk Kari Schreck, Public Works Director Scott Jensen, Planning & Community Development Director Rob Keehn

Mayor Beckman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Highway 61 project scope was reviewed with the City Council. City staff held a series of public meetings over a 3 day period and comments were taken on the proposed lane reduction of four lanes to three lanes. Bob Rogers and Bill Anderson of SEH, the city's engineering firm and Mark Schoenfelder of MNDOT were present and addressed council on some of the concerns staff had forwarded to them regarding the conceptual drawing of the area. It was stressed that the drawings were not final. The project was broken down into four phases. Phase 2 of the project was discussed and is the largest part of the plan. MNDOT currently has in their 2019-2020 budget a mill and overlay of Hwy 61 in Lake City. If the city wishes to go from four lanes to three, additional funds of up to 5 million dollars were discussed as being available to assist the city but it would require a commitment from the city to MNDOT no later than January 2017. There were some members of the public who addressed council with specific concerns regarding the proposed project.

The mayor proposed a committee of citizens, staff and up to three members of council is formed to address some of the specific concerns and an update be given at the June or July 2016 meeting.

**Motion Peters, second Klipfel to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All ayes 7-0-0**

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Joel T. Beckman, Mayor

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Kari Schreck, City Clerk