

Lake City Common Council
Retreat Workshop Hwy 61 project
June 27, 2016
Council Chambers
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Joel Beckman, Mary Lou Waltman, Greg Schreck Mark Spence, Russell Boe, Randy Klipfel

Members Absent: Andru Peters

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.

Motion Waltman, second Spence to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes 6-0-0.

The Highway 61 project scope was reviewed by the City Council on April 25, 2016 at a workshop meeting. City staff along with Bill Anderson of SHE- the city's engineering firm and Mark Schoenfelder of MNDOT were present and answered council questions regarding the project.

Several members of the community voiced concerns over the proposed lane reduction and effect on the community. Staff stated that project can be modified some, but that they support the lane reduction. It was stressed that the drawings were not final. The project was broken down into four phases. 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 with the project. MNDOT needs a letter of intent from the city by the end of the year in order to secure funding for the project. The next time this type of funding could be available from MNDOT would be around 2040. The Mayor encouraged compromises be reached in order to utilize the dollars available to the city now.

Council directed staff prepare multiple RCA's outlining possible scenarios for this project which the council would consider and take action on at the August 15th scheduled meeting.

Motion Waltman, seconded Boe to adjourn at 7: 10 pm. All ayes 6-0-0.

Joel T. Beckman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kari Schreck, City Clerk