

Osakis City Council – Special Meeting
City Hall – 14 Nokomis Street East
March 26th, 2024
6:00 PM

Present: Alan Larson, Dan Wessel, Laura Backes, Tim Thornbloom

Absent: Stephanie Finnegan

Others Present: Angela Jacobson, Greg Gottwald, Eric Meester

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Wessel at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Thornbloom, seconded by Backes, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carries
Absent: Finnegan

PROJECT #444: WASTE WATER FACILITY PLAN

Eric Meester reviewed the compliance schedule and action items:

- Phosphorus Management Plan – may reduce with water plant practices:
 - Community awareness was discussed.
 - During rain events – with I & I reduction, the ponds will be good to 2050.

Meester reviewed the alternatives:

- Alternative #1-WWTF Improvements and I & I repair:
 - Pond optimization.
 - Replace valves/structures.
 - Remove solids.
 - Chemical treatment.
- I & I Repairs:
 - 4,000 ft of sewer main is leaking.
 - 400 lateral sewer services.
- For service lines and main lines – both combined is a cost of \$7,000,000. \$5,000,000 for city portion. \$1,200,000 for private laterals. Leaves \$800,000 contingency. City could get a 20% grant.
- Alternative #2-WWTF Expansion:
 - Purchase 80 acres of land.
 - EAW needed to complete.
 - Expand ponds – cost is \$13,000,000.
- PPL – over 1 billion dollars that are on the list. Not as easy to get funds as before.
- Clean water partnership – a loan for homeowners. Low interest of 1.75% for private lateral improvements. Receive up to \$1,250,000.
- Looking at bad lines and bad pipes would have priority.
- Funding for July 2025 options.

Council feels the facility plan update for Alternative #1.

Schedule would be:

- Televisе 2024 & 2025.
- Submit plan amendment in 2025.
- Design in 2025.
- Go out for bids in 2026.
- Construction the fall of 2026.

- WWTF bids – fall of 2026.
- Sewer – later replacement in 2025-2027.

Change ordinance to address:

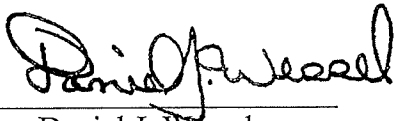
1. Broken service lines and need repair.
2. Replace lines as they fail and during a sale when they need to be inspected.

Notice will be sent out to all property owners to sign up for a time for a house inspection. Look at sump pump, lead pipe inspection and sewer service.

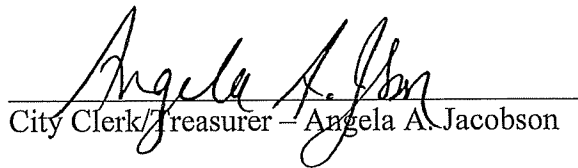
Look to move forward on Alternative #1. Amend the Facility Plan for the council to adopt at the April meeting.

Search those dwellings built before 1985. They are more likely to have lead.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Backes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion Carries Absent: Finnegan



Mayor – Daniel J. Wessel



City Clerk/Treasurer – Angela A. Jacobson