

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Present: Dustin Goutermont  
Jim FitzGerald  
Shane Hoff  
Erica Jensen  
Spencer Ketola

Corey Cook, Street Department Superintendent  
Lana Fralich, City Administrator

Goutermont called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Agenda** – Motion by FitzGerald, second Jensen to approve the agenda with addition of Perimeter Ditching. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes** – Motion by Hoff, second FitzGerald to approve minutes of the October 8, 2025 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS –**

**Public Comment-** None at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Lake County CSAH Project-** Lake County has finished project for the year, striping of street and seeding matting will be finished up soon. There was concern regarding staking above the ground and safety hazard. Discussion regarding signage, light poles placed by MN Power on Mary MacDonald side of street, number of poles and locations, tree inventory status and replacement timeline, homeowner options regarding tree planting and maintenance. Further discussion regarding addition of lower Davis Drive to the 2026 construction and utility work on Adams during Phase 1 of Street Utility Improvement project. City Administrator Fralich will follow up with the County regarding addition of Davis Dr.

Discussion regarding utility fee increases needed.

**Multi-Modal Trailhead Center Project Update-** Parking lot lighting is in; erosion control mats are down; parking lot paving, concrete apron and a portion of the sidewalk are all complete. Remaining sidewalks will be completed in the Spring. Outside structure is up, roofing to be started soon. Plan is to be open by Memorial Day weekend. Discussion regarding repaving of parking lot due to joint and seam issues. There is a potential grant of \$112,000 being issued to help pay for the required B3 solar requirements. This grant may be able to help fund the items that had been removed due to budget constraints. Discussion regarding playground equipment, funding sources, bike racks and security cameras.

Discussion regarding signage plan, using revenues generated from possible Black Beach parking fees, if established, to help with improving signage, in addition to franchise fees and state aid.

**Perimeter Ditching Update-** The city submitted an application to the DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant to obtain funding for Phase 1 of the perimeter ditch water diversion project. The city was notified the State wants to fund all three phases which would be approximately a \$1M grant investment, pending final engineering estimates. The grant is a matching grant, requiring the city to match the \$1M with non-State funds and would not be able to start the project until all funds are secured, thus potentially delaying the start of the project. Discussion regarding using stormwater fees once a stormwater fund was established, timeline of feasibility study regarding utility rates, other eligible grant options, topography study needed, and obtaining permanent easements and access from property owners.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None at this time.

Motion by FitzGerald, second Jensen to adjourn at 11:43 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson