

City Council Special Meeting
January 25, 2024
Thursday 6:00 p.m.

The special session of the City Council, City of Sacred Heart, Minnesota was called to order on January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dan Agre.

City Councilmembers present were Randy Johnson, Andy Stauffer, Joe Kirk, and Brooke Hebrink.

Also present were City Administrator Amy Hubbard, Shannon Sweeney, Laura Ostlie, and Brian Bollig.

1. WTP Project – Financing Options

Brian Bollig and Laura Ostlie were present from Bollig Engineering to provide the council with the current financing options regarding the grants and loans available to the city. Bollig provided a printout showing the different grants and loans that the City has applied for and where those funds would be directed to during the project. Council members presented several discussion questions regarding the grants and loans. Once the council was informed of the amount that the city would need to come up with, Shannon Sweeney from David Drown and Assoc. presented the council with several options to consider. Sweeney provided a printout of two scenarios in which one shows the approval of the state appropriation of \$1.5 million and the other excludes this amount. The council expressed deep concerns involving the increase of water and sewer rates as well as increasing taxes. After much discussion with Bollig, Sweeney, and Ostlie, the council agreed that more discussion is needed regarding the financing. Hubbard informed the council of City Day on the Hill. This is where city officials can talk to representatives regarding state appropriations and financial standings. Ostlie strongly encouraged council members to attend as well as requesting them to testify in front of the committees. Bollig explained that the amount requested for state appropriation was quite low considering the City's financial standings. The council discussed increasing the requested amount to \$3 million, as that would cover the majority of the city expenses and would eliminate the need to increase the water rate or increase taxes. A motion was made by Andy Stauffer and seconded by Brooke Hebrink to increase the requested appropriation amount from \$1.5 million to \$3 million. The motion carried 5 to 0. Hubbard will stay in contact with Bollig, Ostlie, and Sweeney regarding funding options and status of the grants/loans.

2. Resolution 2024-02 UCAP, Inc Contract for Administrative Services with the City of Sacred Heart

A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Joe Kirk to approve Resolution 2024-02 UCAP, Inc. Contract for Administrative Services with the City of Sacred Heart. The motion carried 5 to 0.

3. Resolution 2024-03 SCDP Residential Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program – Procedural Guidelines

A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Andy Stauffer to approve Resolution 2024-03 SCDP Residential Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program – Procedural Guidelines. The motion carried 5 to 0.

4. Adjourn

A motion was made by Joe Kirk and seconded by Randy Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried 5 to 0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

BY _____

Amy Hubbard, City Administrator/Treasurer/EDA Director

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
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