

City Council Public Hearing
Hwy 212 Project
June 28, 2021
7:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing of the City Council, City of Sacred Heart, Minnesota was called to order on June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dan Agre.

City Council Members present were Randy Johnson, Dick Ashburn, and Andy Stauffer. City Council Member absent was Brooke Hebrink. Also present were City Administrator Amy Hubbard and MNDOT representatives. Several Sacred Heart residents were present.

1. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the agenda included a discussion regarding patching and crack repair for city streets and a motion needed to repair the plumbing issues in the liquor store. A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Dick Ashburn to approve the agenda as presented along with the additions. The motion carried 3 to 0.

2. MNDOT Presentation – Hwy 212 Project

MNDOT Representative, Ronald Mortensen, presented the Hwy 212 Project in summary to the council and those present in the audience. Ron explained that the current plan is only at 50% completion. By October 2021, the plan set will be at 90% completion. Letting will begin September 23, 2022 and the project will begin in the summer of 2023. The city's current cost participation is estimated at \$95,000.00.

Council continued discussion with asking for clarification on certain aspects regarding the ponds. The dry pond within city limits will be maintained by the city. The wet pond on the outside of town will be the responsibility of MNDOT. Council questioned responsibilities and how often the pond will be maintained as well as the city's limitations regarding mosquito spraying. Ron was unsure of the answer and stated that he will do some research.

3. Questions/Comments from Council and Residents

Answers to the questions asked:

- There will be a 12ft parking lane in a 3-block area.
- No estimated completion date at this time.
- Concrete or Asphalt? Will not know until after letting has completed.
- The wet pond is designed to always have water in it.
- MNDOT has conducted studies involving mosquitos around the wet pond and have standards set in place.
- Fence around the wet pond? Ron will look into it.
- Speed limit signs will not change in their locations. That is the MN Traffic Department.
- The passing lane will only be west-bound for 1-mile in length. It will start at County Rd 10 and go West for 1 mile.
- How will residents be informed on the timeframe of the project?
 - 511 will provide information.
 - Newspaper and radio.

- Direct lines of communication between MNDOT, the construction company, and the resident or business to those who are directly affected.
- Social media.
- City of Sacred Heart office.
- Uncertain as to the exact date when the project will begin as it will depend on the type of road to be installed: asphalt or concrete.
- The road will be one constant level for the whole project.

4. Repair Plumbing Issues at Liquor Store – Brooke Busack

Liquor Store Manager, Brooke Busack, expressed concerns regarding the sewer smell in the bathrooms at the liquor store as it is getting worse, and more customers are complaining. Brooke informed the council that 2 years ago the sewer was looked at and work was completed. Brooke has received a quote from Bisbee with a range of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to repair. Olivia Plumbing will be coming within the week to give a quote as well.

Brooke also informed the council that she received a quote for the cooler (seltzer) door in off-sale. Eid's can replace the door for roughly \$4,000. Council advised Brooke to get a second quote as well however they understand the urgency and need for the cooler door to be replaced. A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Andy Stauffer to spend \$4,000 to replace the cooler door and frame while allowing Brooke to use her best judgement in the matter. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Councilmember Andy Stauffer and Brooke Busack discussed the need for updating and adding cameras to the liquor store. Stauffer expressed his desire to converse with some other entities on the best system to use.

5. Patching and Crack Repair of City Streets by Bargaen, Inc. – Scott Agre

As previously discussed, Bargaen, Inc. has been in contact with Public Works Supervisor Scott Agre regarding crack repair and patching of city streets. Councilmember Randy Johnson discussed the crack repair while stating that the city should wait and put it on the budget for next year (2022). Renville County Public Works Director, Jeff Marlow, has been informed via email regarding the condition of main street (county-owned) and the need for repair. Administrator Hubbard will get in contact with Doug Grindberg (USDA) and Nathan Feist regarding the city street fund that is still available. A motion was made by Andy Stauffer and seconded by Dick Ashburn approving the patching that is needed on the city streets by Bargaen Inc. Motion carried 3 to 0.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Dick Ashburn and seconded by Randy Johnson to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:35pm.

ATTEST:

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Amy Hubbard, City Administrator/Treasurer/EDA Director