

September 28, 2020
Work Session Notes
7:00 p.m.

*This is an open forum. Council and Staff may speak openly.
No business will be discussed other than on agenda.*

Council present: Mayor Myron Lueders, Mike Windey, Jill Carlson, Ron Grobeck and Judah Burlingame.
Staff present: Clerk-Administrator Elaine Hanson; Deputy Clerk, Amanda Thorson; Coordinator, Justin Lohse; Bob Schlieman, Apex Engineering; Bernie & Pat Steeves; Brian Steeves; Brian McDonald; Shelby Tschakert; Darold Woessner; Mike Ahlfs.

Work Session Agenda & Discussion

Tyler Wohlers Trail.

Bernie Steeves gave an update on the fundraising efforts of family and friends for the trail. Currently amount raised is \$90,000.

Bob Schlieman, Apex Engineering, City Engineer, provided history and timeline of how the project began and month by month progress.

It appears that wetland credits may need to be purchased for the area that encroaches on the wetland of the trail. Permits have not been obtained for Otter Tail Power utilities or MnDOT. It could take up to 2.5 months to get those permits. Bidding requirements are the City needs to get two quotes, but this needs to be verified by the City Attorney. Contractors are busy. Bernie has an issue with the total cost of the project and it was explained to him by Mike Ahlfs, local contractor, that anytime you work in MnDOT Right-of-Way, costs are always more than you think. The other issue is to start or to wait. Schlieman explained that if we would start this fall and then quit and then start again in the Spring, we would be doubling the cost of traffic control and erosion control would have to be maintained though Winter. These amounts are usually subbed out, but this is why the probable cost for construction is \$196,000 which is less than the original amount. Schlieman provided his opinion of probable cost noting that it could change.

Council affirmed that the project would go on as planned unless the donors back out. Steeves said this wouldn't happen.

Discussion turned to fundraising and grants. Steeves will keep in contact with City Administrator Hanson and she will provide any new information for him. Schlieman will get together some visuals for Hanson to send to Steeves for their fundraising efforts. All were thanked for attending the work session.

Work session closed at 8:00 p.m.

Elaine Hanson, MMMC
Clerk-Administrator