



## ***City Council Memorandum***

**To:** Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members  
**From:** John Caven  
**Date:** October 12, 2020  
**Item:** Order Public Hearing for the Wellhead Protection Plan

### **Council Action Requested:**

The council is requested to order a Public Hearing for November 16, 2020 for Hastings Wellhead Protection Plan.

### **Background Information:**

Our Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP) is a State mandate required to provide additional protection to our ground water aquifer and municipal water supply. The State requires the plan be updated every ten years. The last plan was approved in 2010. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) contacted the City of Hastings in 2018 to begin the process of updating Part I of the plan by 2020 and Part II of the plan by January 2021. The City of Hastings must begin implementing their updated Wellhead Protection Plan by March of 2021. The City has worked with MDH, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Metropolitan Council, and all City, Township, and Counties located within the DWSMA to complete the plan.

A public informational meeting for Part I of the Plan was held at the City Council meeting on September 8, 2020. Part II was simultaneously worked on and submitted to LGUs for their comment and review. Applicable comments were added to strengthen the Plan. MDH requires a Public Hearing be held prior to the City of Hastings submitting in the final draft of the Plan to the State for review and approval for both Part I and Part II of the Plan.

Part II of the Wellhead Protection Plan identifies a ten year schedule for action steps the City of Hastings can implement to protect the ground water aquifer and municipal water supply. Action steps include providing educational materials and informational mailings, updating databases, participating in partnerships, and enforcing ordinances.

The City will continue to look for ways to strengthen and improve its Wellhead Protection Plan during the next ten years and looks forward to revising the Plan again in 2030.

### **Financial Impact:**

Nominal costs may come up through the annual budget process to cover tasks mandated by the State. The City will also look for opportunities to apply for Grants such as the "Source Water Implementation Grant" to assist in Plan implementation costs.

### **Attachments:**

None

**CITY OF HASTINGS**

DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION ORDERING PUBLIC HEARING FOR WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the State requires a City to revise its Wellhead Protection Plan every ten years to protect its ground water aquifer and municipal water supply;

**WHEREAS**, the City presented Part I of the Wellhead Protection Plan at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting;

**WHEREAS**, a Pubic Hearing is required after completion of Part II of the Wellhead Protection Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HASTINGS AS FOLLOWS;** that

1. A Public Hearing for the Wellhead Protection Plan be held at the 7pm council meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, and;
2. An advertisement of the Public Hearing be published in the St Paul Pioneer Press on November 5th and be posted on the City’s website on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HASTINGS, MINNESOTA, THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

Ayes:

Nays:

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*Mary Fasbender, Mayor*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Julie Flaten, City Clerk*

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