



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Council Members
From: John Caven
Date: March 24, 2021
Item: Approve Wellhead Protection Plan

Council Action Requested:

The council is requested to approve 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. In the last two years staff has worked with Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Metropolitan Council, Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA), and all City, Township, and Counties located within the City's Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) to complete the plan. MDH formally approved the current plan on March 25, 2021.

A public informational meeting was held at the City Council meeting on September 8, 2020. A Public Hearing was conducted at the City Council meeting on November 16, 2020. The City now has sixty days to begin implementing their updated Wellhead Protection Plan. The plan identifies action steps, spread out over a ten year span, that staff 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.

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.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends City Council approve the Hastings Wellhead Protection Plan. The plan has been vetted through the appropriate agencies and provides action steps to protect our ground water aquifer and municipal water supply for the next ten years.

Attachments:

None