

**Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Workshop
March 4, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a workshop on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Fox, Haus, Lawrence, Leifeld, Pemble

Members Absent: Councilmember Folch

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
Public Works Director Ryan Stempski (remote)
Principal Engineer Cody Mathisen
Public Works Superintendent Joe Spagnoletti

Mayor Fasbender called the workshop to order at 5:37 pm and welcomed councilmembers and guests from Met Council and Kimley-Horn.

Stempski provided a brief introduction and then turned the presentation over to Chad Davison (Met Council, Principal Engineer). Davison gave an overview of the workshop and then an overview of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project direction. Davison reiterated that the reason for the move for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from downtown Hastings to the border of Hastings and Ravenna Township was due to limits of the existing facility's ability to meet new regulations. Addressing the new regulations at the current site would effectively curb growth in the City of Hastings. Moving it to the new location supports future growth and addresses regulatory requirements.

Davison reviewed the timeline and complexity of the project, acknowledging the many other projects and events occurring in the area at the same time. Stempski reminded the group that following decommissioning, the property on which the current plant stands will be returned to the City.

Eric Fosmo (Kimley-Horn, Asst. Project Mgr.) reviewed the prospective plans for the lift station/emergency storage that will need to be in the downtown area. One alternative is to house it on the current site, and another is just west between Tyler Street and the railroad tracks. Council recommendation to inquire about any restrictions related to the proximity to the rail line.

Fosmo indicated that Tyler Street will have utility improvements and a full reconstruct of the street, but the configuration (sidewalks, parking, etc.) will remain the same. 10th Street/Ravenna Trail will have a new gravity sewer interceptor to the new plant. There is contact with Dakota County regarding the CR 54 reconstruct project. Wietecha commented about timing of the WW plant project and the CR 54 project, seeking efficiencies and synergy with the county. Additional

public improvements include abandoning the 10th Street Lift Station and realigning the sanitary sewer. Council discussion on the traffic flow during the construction and transition phases. Davison indicated that traffic control will be part of the overall planning for the project.

Fosmo outlined the public engagement and communication strategy during the various stages of the project. Public engagement will begin Summer 2024. Council discussion on the discharge and its impact on East Hastings. Council recommended that a video simulation of the project and phases may be helpful for residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Pemble, Haus to adjourn the workshop at 6:38 p.m.

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk