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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE AFTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AFTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

APPROVED City Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016
Afton City Hall
3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001
2:30 P.M.

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 2:30 P.M. by Mayor Bend.

2. ROLL CALL: Council Members Nelson, Ross, Richter, Palmquist and Mayor Bend. **Quorum Present.**

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Fritz Knaak, League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust attorney Paul Merwin and City Administrator Ron Moorse. City Engineers Diane Hankee and Todd Hubmer, consultant Steven Blondo, and environmental attorney William Hefner joined the meeting in progress.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

A. Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of March 16, 2016 –

Motion/Second: Richter/Palmquist. To approve the agenda of the March 16, 2016 Special City Council Meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS -

A. Discuss in-Process Litigation –

Motion/Second: Palmquist/Richter. To go into a closed session at 2:36 p.m. for discussion of on-going litigation. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion/Second: Richter/Palmquist. To come out of the closed session at 3:43 p.m.

Motion carries 5-0-0.

City Engineers Diane Hankee and Todd Hubmer, consultant Steven Blondo, and environmental attorney William Hefner joined the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

B. Update Regarding the Downtown Improvement Project and Section 106 Process

Moorse explained that the planned federal funding for portions of the downtown improvement project requires the completion of a Section 106 review process to identify, avoid and/or mitigate effects to historic properties. The Section 106 process for Afton's project has become more complex than usual because of the concerns of both tribal governments and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the effigy mound located in the project area. Both the tribal governments and SHPO agreed that additional investigation of the Mound was needed to determine more accurately both the location and the integrity of the Mound. The additional work includes a LiDAR analysis of the Mound area, a ground penetrating radar (GPR) analysis of the Mound area, and additional shovel testing in the area of the City's planned excavation.

The firm of Archaeo-Physics has provided a proposal for ground penetrating radar analysis, Blondo Consulting has provided a proposal to do shovel tests and test units in the area of the stormwater pond and the lift stations. The costs are as follows:

<u>Ground Penetrating Radar analysis and report of results</u>	\$4,700
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Additional Soil Testing

20 shovel tests	\$1,250.
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3 test units (hand excavation of 3 areas one-meter by one meter)	\$3,500.
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Report Preparation and coordination meetings	\$1,000
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57 Five additional shovel tests \$ 250
58 One additional test unit \$1,000

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60 Phase II Mound Site Evaluation Report \$2,500

61 Blondo Consulting provided a proposal for the completion of a report evaluating the Mound site
62 for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. This is the final step of the Phase II investigation, and
63 is based on the results of the additional investigation outlined above. Blondo consulting has proposed a cost of
64 \$2,500 for this work.

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66 Council member Palmquist left the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

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68 **Motion/Second: Bend/Nelson. To approve the work outlined below for a total cost of \$14,200.**

- 69 • **Archaeo-Physics ground penetrating radar at a cost not to exceed \$4,700**
- 70 • **Blondo Consulting shovel testing and test units at a cost not to exceed \$7,000**
- 71 • **Blondo Consulting report regarding the evaluation of the Mound site at a cost not to exceed \$2,500**

72 **Motion carried 4-0-0.**

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74 **C. Goals for 2016**

75 Moose summarized the list of 2015 goals and suggested the 2015 goals would provide a good starting point for
76 identifying 2016 goals. Nelson suggested providing the list of 2015 goals with the goals completed shown in bold.

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78 **11. ADJOURN –**

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80 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Richter. To adjourn the meeting at 5:00 P.M. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

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85 Ronald J. Moose, City Administrator

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87 **Approved by Council (on April 19, 2016) as (check one): Presented: X Amended: _____**

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90 **Signed by Mayor Richard Bend _____ Date _____**