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

APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes
April 24, 2017
Afton City Hall
3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001
5:00 P.M.

1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Bend.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Council Members Nelson, Ross, Richter, Palmquist, and Mayor Bend. Absent: None.
Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Moorse.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –
Agenda for the City Council Work Session of April 24, 2017

Motion/Second: Richter/Palmquist. To approve the agenda of the April 24, 2017 Work Session as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

4. **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

A. **2017 Pavement Management Project** - Moorse indicated the 2017 Pavement Management Project low bid was substantially lower than the estimated cost, leaving approximately \$700,000 of bond proceeds available for additional street improvements. The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, April 13 to discuss options for the use of the unused bond proceeds. These options included adding more miles of street improvements to the 2017 Pavement Management Project and bidding a second street improvement project with additional streets. The Committee's discussion also included options for River Road improvements.

The Council discussed the addition of roads that would increase the cost of the 2017 Pavement Management Project by 25%, which is the maximum amount that can be added to an improvement project for which a bid has been awarded. The Council agreed that a supplemental agreement reflecting the additional roads should be brought to an upcoming Council meeting. The Council also discussed a second road improvement project that would include additional road improvements with a cost of approximately \$200,000. It was suggested that the small cul de sacs in the area of other roads being improved should be included.

B. **Downtown Village Improvements Project** – Moorse provided information regarding six parcels that are included in the assessment roll for the Downtown Project, but five which are unbuildable lots and one of which is an 18 acre lot in the Rural Residential Zone with sufficient land for alternate septic system sites. Moorse recommended these parcels should be considered for removal from the assessment roll. The Council agreed that Moorse should bring a report regarding these parcels to the assessment hearing, so that the Council can take action to remove them from the assessment roll.

C. **Lower St. Croix Fire Department Relief Association Pension Benefit Increase** - This item was taken up earlier than listed in the agenda because the Fire Relief Association representatives were present. Kevin Johnson, of the Relief Association, presented information regarding a pension benefit increase policy that would enable a pension benefit increase when the increase would maintain a surplus of a minimum of 115% in the pension fund. The Relief Association will bring to the May 16 Council meeting the pension increase policy and a request to increase the pension benefit from \$3,250 per year of service to \$3,500 per year of service.

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D. Carlson 60th Street PLCD Update – Moorse provided an overview of the Carlson 60th Street PLCD subdivision proposal and clarified the proposal for the Council. It was suggested that the Council should discuss the process for the review of a PLCD proposal at an upcoming work session. Council members Ross, Palmquist and Nelson also indicated they would like to take a tour of the site.

E. Kelles Creek Watershed Septic System Inspection Program – The Council discussed the Valley Branch Watershed District’s septic inspection program designed to address the E. coli pollution in Kelles Creek. Only a small number of residents have participated in the program. The Council discussed whether there were ways to encourage more participation, and agreed that, short of instituting new requirements for mandatory inspections, the best option is to encourage participation by providing information regarding the pollution problem.

5. ADJOURN –

Motion/Second: Bend/Nelson. To adjourn the meeting at 6:38 P.M. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ronald J. Moorse, City Administrator

Approved by Council (on May 16, 2017) as (check one): Presented: _____ Amended: _____

Signed by Mayor Richard Bend _____ Date _____