

**Public Utilities Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2016**

Members Present: Mary Pat Lytle, Stephanie Brassington, Marc Nielsen, Ernie Peterson and Craig Weiss

Members Absent: Ernie Peterson arrived at 6:10

Staff Present: Allan Coville and Linda Dieckhoff

Others Present: Brian Berquist (Town & Country), Tim Thorson (Royal Oak Engineering), Mark Shubak (Strand Associates, Inc.), Austin Gannon and Tom Gannon

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Lytle in Conference Room "A" at the Municipal Center.
2. **Public Comments.** None
3. **Review and possible approval of draft Minutes from the Public Utilities Committee Meeting of March 8, 2016, and March 8, 2016, Special Joint Meeting of Public Works and Public Utilities.**

Motion by Nielsen, second by Brassington, to approve the draft minutes from the Public Utilities Committee Meeting of March 8, 2016 with changes. Motion carried 4-0 by acclamation.

Motion by Nielsen, second by Brassington, to approve the draft minutes from the Special Joint Meeting of Public Works and Public Utilities Meeting of March 8, 2016. Motion carried 4-0 by acclamation.

4. **Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the Prairie Place project.**

Tom Gannon had a plat approved around 2007 and due to the economy did not proceed with development of the plat. Tom Gannon is now resurrecting the previous plat and modernizing the plat. A concept plan was presented for review.

Tim Thorson of Royal Oak Engineering indicated that the sanitary sewer associated with the homes on the west side of Holscher will hook into the sewer on Holscher Road.

The new Lift Station #5 will take care of both subdivisions (Juniper Ridge and Prairie Place), but MMSD said this is only temporary and will eventually need to be gravity fed to the south.

Tom Gannon wanted to get this plat out for the Committee to review and see what he has in mind. Pauline Boness recommended that he attend the

Committee Meetings before going before the Plan Commission in case there might be problems that should be addressed.

In the previous plat there were no issues relating to stormwater. Now due to DNR regulations, there has been a larger area identified as wetland that needed to be addressed. Even though the area has been farmed, it is now showed to be wetland.

The plan is to have the stormwater area as a prairie restoration wetland. This area will probably be a dry area. Stormwater along MN was required because of the Juniper Ridge development which will act as a means of storm water overflow.

Weiss asked who is responsible for mowing the stormwater area. Coville indicated it would become the Village responsibility. In the covenants the Village would like the wording to be like that for Juniper Ridge to indicate that there could be burning. The Village will not take over ownership until 80% is buildout.

The process is to meet with the Village committees, CARPC and get their approval then come to Village Board for final approval.

Gannon would like to break ground by late summer on the first phase.

5. **Staff Reports.**

- a. **Update on activities** –Siggelkow Road project we are replacing the water main between the railroad tracks and Terminal Drive. The curb and sidewalk work should be done by Memorial Day.

There is a preconstruction meeting tomorrow for the Broadhead/MN project. Since this is a county road the detour will be via county roads - going down AB over to Highway 12/18 and back to McFarland.

Lift Station #5 is almost complete. Looking into developing a Utility District to recoup the money the Village paid upfront for the Juniper Ridge development. The Utility is to receive payback from each building permit issued.

Staff is flushing hydrants. On Holscher water tower, ATT added some additional antennas. The sanitary sewer line under the Public Works building broke and we need to do some emergency repairs. The estimated cost is about \$25,000.

- b. **Financial Reports** – No Report.
c. **Impact Fee Summary** – Placed on file.

6. **Adjournment. Motion** by Weiss, second by Brassington, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda L. Dieckhoff
Public Works/Utilities Clerk