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January 7, 2019

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Two Harbors, Minnesota, held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Administrator Walker.

Members present, Councilors:                      Glaser, Redden, Rennwald, Swanson,  
Erickson, Woodruff. 6.

Members absent, Councilor:                      Jussila. 1.

Others present:                                      Administrator Walker  
Finance Director Pietila  
City Clerk Nordean

Administrator Walker announced that the purpose of the meeting was for the recently elected officials to receive the oath of office, to conduct the organizational meeting of the City Council and to receive the Feasibility Report for the 2019 Street and Alley Improvement Project.

Clerk Nordean provided the oath of office for Councilors Rennwald and Woodruff.

Administrator Walker called for nominations for the position of City Council President. Councilor Erickson nominated Councilor Glaser. Mayor Swanson nominated Councilor Jussila. Councilor Glaser was elected to the position of City Council President with the following Councilors voting to elect her: Glaser, Redden, Rennwald, Erickson. The following Councilors voted to elect Councilor Jussila as President of the City Council: Swanson, Woodruff. 2.

The meeting was turned over to the newly elected City Council President, Robin Glaser.

President Glaser called for nominations for the position of City Council Vice President. Councilor Woodruff nominated Councilor Jussila. Councilor Rennwald nominated Councilor Erickson. Councilor Erickson was elected to the position of City Council Vice President with the following Councilors voting to elect her: Woodruff, Redden, Rennwald, Swanson, Erickson, Glaser.

**Appearances:**

Joe Rhein, Bolton & Menk, was present and addressed the Council presenting the Feasibility Report for the 2019 Street and Alley Improvement project and providing an overview of the proposed project.

He noted that the notice for the upcoming public hearing indicated an estimated project total amount of \$2,400,000 which has now been revised to approximately \$2,500,000, however, the amount is subject to change depending upon which avenues and alleys are actually included in the project.

He also pointed out that upon review, it was discovered that due to the way water mains which service the 400 block of Eighth Avenue, are currently situated, it would be difficult to complete the proposed project without extensive work and cost to eliminate the possibility of a lapse in water service for certain commercial establishments as well as the residences in that area. He suggested that the Council consider deferring the 400 and 600 block projects along Eighth Avenue until such time that water system improvements can be completed which in addition to improving the flow in the area, would also prevent the additional work and cost that would be required to complete the projects on Eighth Avenue at this time.

He also discussed the possibility of the need to replace concrete steps on several residential properties along the north side of Eighth Avenue, depending upon what may be necessary and the potential for significant cost increases which may be associated. He suggested that the Council consider how the replacement of these steps should be funded, if it is determined necessary.

Mayor Swanson suggested that staff look into the availability of funding assistance for a project to improve the water system in that area.

Motion by Erickson and Woodruff that **RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-19 RECEIVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 2019 STREET & ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** be adopted as read. Carried by a unanimous ye a vote of all members present on roll call.

Motion by Woodruff and Redden that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

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Robin M. Glaser, City Council President

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Patricia D. Nordean, City Clerk