

EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

October 14, 2024

The East Bethel City Council met on October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for the regular City Council Work meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Lewis Brian Mundle Bob DeRoche
Tim Miller Jim Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Matt Look, City Administrator
Aaron Berg, Community Development Director
Nate Ayshford, Public Work Director

1.0 – Future Storm Event Recovery

Look stated there have been lots of resident questions about what the City is doing regarding storm cleanup. He stated that he has spoken to Andover regarding budgeting for storms.

DeRoche stated that he received quite a few calls after the last storm, and he thinks there should be something they can do for the residents. DeRoche asked how much time was spent over at Coon Lake Beach after the storm. Ayshford stated they spent \$27,000 for the last two storms, with about 70 locations with trees in the road. He stated that it really depends on the size of the storm.

Mundle asked what the City does with the brush collected from the storm. Ayshford stated that it is burned.

Lewis asked if there are any County resources to help with this. Look stated that the Parks Department would handle the County rights-of-way.

Miller stated there needs to be a plan in place when situations happen. He stated that the City could contact Mike Revard to see if he could be used for potential mulching. Lewis stated that curbside pick-up would not be possible, but pick-up locations could be more realistic.

Look stated there will be a finalized budget in November, so a possible dollar amount could be added for storm recovery funds. Lewis stated they can talk to neighboring cities to see what they do in these situations.

Ayshford stated the two potential options for pick-up locations are Booster Park and Bonde Park. Mundle asked if they could look for other potential location options.

2.0 – Viking Meadows Final Plat Discussion

DeRoche asked if there is a building schedule. Berg stated that there is a loose schedule, but they need approval from the Council before they can finalize anything.

Matt Barker stated that they submitted the plat in July 2024 and have been working since then to make sure everything is correct and appropriate to the preliminary plat that was approved. He anticipated a start date in January/February 2025 if this is improved by the Council, with the groundbreaking in the Spring of 2025.

Smith asked about the cost of the oversized credit for the developer. Matt Barker stated that cost is associated with oversizing the pipe for what is needed for their development to serve future development expansion.

Smith asked if it is common practice for the City Engineer to check on the project every 7 days. Berg stated that there is an on-site project review person who runs through the checklist to make sure the City standards are being met throughout the project.

Lewis asked if he would regard everything that has been developed as phase 1 and other parcels as outlots. Mr. Barker stated that the limits of the grading are much greater than the 47 lots. He stated that the phase 1 grading ends up being almost 152 lots.

Smith asked how long phase 1 will take when groundbreaking occurs. Mr. Barker stated that they will start with the 55- foot detached single-family and the 70-foot product that will run simultaneously. He stated that he thinks they will be able to get through all 47 lots within the year.

DeRoche asked who is building the homes. Mr. Barker stated Capstone Homes will be building them all.

Mundle asked if they have a plan to deal with the irrigation and other factors from the golf course. Mr. Barker stated that the irrigation would be ripped out and they have a significant demolition budget for other things in the ground.

3.0 – Facility Access Policy

Look stated there was a misuse of software equipment, which brought up a larger question about who has access to facilities and equipment. He stated that there are City-owned facilities and City-owned facilities that people are under contract with, like Whispering Aspens, that this policy would not apply. He stated that even a small incident could cost the City lots of dollars. He stated that safety is very important, including reporting incidents, identification cards, etc.

Lewis asked if the League of Minnesota has a policy in place for cities they insure.

DeRoche asked if there had been an incident that prompted this discussion. Look stated there was an instance where data was released to the public on Facebook from a fire call, and it became a problem. DeRoche stated that he does not think there should be access to sensitive information after leaving the department if they retire or leave. Look stated that they are trying to avoid sensitive employee information from being leaked.

Lewis asked if there had been any discussion with the Fire Chief Sanow. Look stated that they can start crafting all the language and bring it to the Personnel Committee and draft a policy. DeRoche stated that the Personnel Committee can get together soon and get some feedback to hammer out some details.

Miller asked about the 911 app and clarified that you must give your number in order to get in. Look stated that only authorized personnel have access to the app. Miller stated that access codes should be changed immediately and not be given to any non-active duty members.

4.0 – Adjourn

Mundle stated I'll make a motion to adjourn. DeRoche stated I'll second. To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Work Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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