

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
St. Francis Area Schools District Office 4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW
MAY 16, 2022
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Steve Feldman.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Steve Feldman, Councilmembers Joe Muehlbauer (attended remotely), Robert Bauer, Kevin Robinson, and Sarah Udvig

Also present: City Administrator Kate Thunstrom, Deputy City Administrator- City Clerk Jenni Wida, Assistant City Attorney Dave Schaps (Barna, Guzy & Steffen), City Engineer Craig Jochum (Hakanson Associates, Inc.), Water and Sewer Supervisor Parish Barten, Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill, Streets & Parks Supervisor Jeremy Shook, Fire Chief Dave Schmidt.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY: UDVIG SECOND: ROBINSON APPROVING THE REGULAR CITY COUCIL AGENDA

A roll call vote was performed:

Mayor Feldman	aye
Councilmember Robinson	aye
Councilmember Bauer	aye
Councilmember Udvig	aye
Councilmember Muehlbauer	aye

Motion carried 5-0

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Minutes – May 2, 2022
- B. AC Regional Economic Development Cost Share
- C. Urban County Requalification Participation - 2023-2025
- D. Surplus Property Resolution 2022-27 Declaring surplus property
- E. Minnesota Department of Health - 2022 Sanitary Survey Inspection Reports
- F. Fire Department Policy Update – General Requirements
- G. Accept Donation from W.D. Larson Companies (Allstate-Peterbilt)

- H. Accept Fire Department Donation from Isanti Spirits
- I. Appoint Paul Carpenter to Deputy Administrator-Public Works Director - Post Vacancy
- J. Animal Control Service Request for Proposals K. Payment of Claims

MOTION BY: BAUER SECOND: MUEHLBAUER APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A-J.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Muehlbauer	aye
Councilmember Robinson	aye
Mayor Feldman	aye
Councilmember Bauer	aye
Councilmember Udvig	aye

Motion carried 5-0

5. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Feldman asked if anyone wanted to speak. He invited Julie Braastad up, adding she is the new commissioner to the east side.

Commissioner Braastad stated that with the redistricting she has the east side of St. Francis in her new district. She introduced herself so the Council would know who to reach out to with questions or concerns. She gave her background. She commented she would like to be helpful with the upcoming projects including Hwy 47 and Bridge Street Trail. She extended an invitation to the Councilmembers to have coffee with her to get to know her better.

Mayor Feldman commented he has been familiar with her over six years working on the Chamber so he knows her very well. He asked for Council comment.

Robinson asked if her territory in St. Francis was the eastern side. Braastad confirmed this adding it is District Two.

Bauer welcomed her and stated he would be reaching out.

Udvig commented she is looking forward to working with her.

Muehlbauer commented it was nice to meet her.

Mayor Feldman welcomed Commissioner Braastad and stated he was looking forward to working with her.

6. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. 411 231st Ave – Easement Vacation Resolution 2022-26 Approving the vacation of a drainage and utility easement along Block 1, Lots 6 and 7 of Pine Valley Acres

City Administrator Kate Thunstrom reviewed the staff report and request for a public hearing, the vacation of this easement and relocation of the easement which will be platted with the new lot line.

Mayor Feldman asked if this is for a gentleman with an expansion who is adding on an addition to his house. Thunstrom confirmed this, adding in order to do so they needed the additional space to meet the set back requirement.

Mayor Feldman asked if it was for the whole length. Thunstrom replied they need it to make sense, things are platted properly so the lot line adjustment is something that can happen. They didn't need the full length of the lot so they split the line but they need the extra feet to the east for the addition.

Mayor Feldman commented instead of jogging it. Thunstrom confirmed this. Mayor Feldman replied that makes sense. He asked for Council comment.

Bauer asked if the homeowner owns both parcels. Thunstrom replied he does not, this is agreement he made with his neighbor. Bauer replied he was fine with it then.

Robinson commented he was okay with it as long as engineering and Thunstrom were fine with it and the boundary was known. He thought it was the right thing to do.

Mayor Feldman asked if something was done in writing in a legal format between the two neighbors so if things change hands down the road the homeowners would be protected. Thunstrom replied yes, this will be recorded with the County.

Mayor Feldman opened the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

There being no further public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

MOTION BY: ROBINSON SECOND: BAUER APPROVING TO ADOPT THE EASEMENT ADJUSTMENT AT 411 231ST AVE, RESOLUTION 202-26 APPROVING THE VACATION OF A DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG BLOCK 1, LOTS 6 AND 7 OF PINE VALLEY ACRES.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Muehlbauer	aye
Councilmember Bauer	aye
Councilmember Udvig	aye
Mayor Feldman	aye
Councilmember Robinson	aye

Motion carried 5-0

B. Public Hearing for the Poppy Street and 229th Lane Reconstruction Project

City Engineer Craig Jochum reviewed the staff report and stated the public hearing is the chance for resident input prior to a contract being awarded.

Mayor Feldman opened the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Steve Ortell, 839 235th Ave, East Bethel, stated he was there because during original talks the assessment estimate was around \$9,500 on his property but has now gone up to \$16,700 and asked what happened.

Jochum replied for his particular property, at the time there was the one service but now there are four set up for his unit. He stated if he is not going to do that for sure they would want to take the other three off because that is where the extra costs are.

Mr. Ortell replied for whatever reason that is zoned multifamily because of the area because he has tried to sell it for 15 years and he's in over his head. He stated he just got done paying for what should have been a lot split. The consultant said it needed a plat and he had it platted 15 years ago which was \$30,000. He stated now he finds out with he is getting another bill for \$16,000. He asked if there was any chance it can be changed back to single family because he felt that is the only way he can sell it.

Mayor Feldman asked if it was a multifamily unit right now. Mr. Ortell replied yes, but it took so long to do that he lost the buying and isn't hasn't sold in 15 years. He stated it didn't need to be platted, it should have been a lot split. He stated he has had several issues with St. Francis and didn't trust the City. He asked what could be done.

Mayor Feldman asked Jochum to comment. Jochum replied all he did was set it up for what it was platted for, which was a four-unit townhome.

Mayor Feldman asked if it was correct that there are four services at this building. Jochum replied that is correct and that is why the assessment went up.

Mr. Ortell commented he didn't trust the City because he sold the lot by the river that he paid \$14,000 for sewer on a 15 year loan and they made the new people

who moved in there pay again.

Mayor Feldman asked who did that. Mr. Ortell replied the City. Mayor Feldman asked how many years ago that was. Mr. Ortell replied January 2021 when they built the house. Mayor Feldman asked if they hooked to City sewer and water. Mr. Ortell replied it has the high pressure sewer. Mayor Feldman replied they don't have that here, it is gravity fed. Mr. Ortell replied not down there it isn't, it's a forced main. He stated that was the problem, no one at the City knew about it.

Mayor Feldman asked Jochum where that is, the only one he knew of with a high pressure waste water is Oak Grove. He stated he didn't know of any in this city. Jochum interjected there are some south of 227th. When it was reconstructed they put some in.

Mayor Feldman asked why anyone would do that. Mr. Ortell commented they couldn't do it gravity, it had to be done forced main and they charged whoever was there.

Mayor Feldman asked if it is hooked to the City's system. Jochum replied it dumps into a manhole at 227th and Poppy Street. Mayor Feldman asked how it gets to the gravity portion of the City's system. Jochum replied that is where it dumps in, then it is gravity.

Mayor Feldman asked why anyone would be doing that. Water and Sewer Supervisor Parish Barten commented that forced main was install in 2005 or 2006 for that City lot down at the very south end of Poppy Street. He stated as far as he knew that was the only individual home that is connected to forced main.

Mr. Ortell replied there are two, because he had to pay for two on his lot which only has one house because they wouldn't let them use the other one.

Mayor Feldman asked if that was the only way they could do it.

Barten replied there was no gravity sanitary main that far south so in order to serve the residents on the St. Francis side it had to have a forced main during the Poppy Street reconstruction at that time, 2005 or 2006.

Mr. Ortell commented it is all over and done now.

Mayor Feldman replied he understood that. He stated having something done in 2005 is not what this Council is doing in 2022 and he couldn't be held accountable for something he didn't do.

Mr. Ortell replied he understood that but asked if they could see why his trust is failing.

Mayor Feldman asked if it was correct that he wanted the building to go from four units to one unit. Mr. Ortell replied it doesn't have to be, he is just asking if he has to pay that because it went up. He felt the plat didn't need to be done and cost him \$10,000 on a property he can't sell.

Mayor Feldman asked Thunstrom on the plat Mr. Ortell is talking about if that is from County perspective or City perspective. Thunstrom replied he was adding new lots to an existing plat so when Mr. Ortell split the first lot off he created a plat. Based on the process and what she believed were Anoka County's comments as well, to create yet another new lot, it had to update the plat. A platting process was required to do that. She stated the zoning has been changed a couple of times to accommodate the concept this property owner has brought forward. It was zoned for high density and was dropped down to medium density when he came in with a four-plex concept. She stated they have accommodated to what they know. If another concept came forward it could be considered and Council could consider rezoning.

Mayor Feldman replied it sounds like communication is a problem on the City's end and Mr. Ortell's end. He stated it has already been platted once, and then platted twice, and if anything is changed again that is a third plat. Mr. Ortell agreed.

Mayor Feldman asked if he understood that. Mr. Ortell replied he did but felt it didn't need to be platted.

Mayor Feldman asked him if it were to change from four individual units to one unit, if he thinks he could sell it like that. Mr. Ortell replied it would sell but he would lose money on it. As the years go by it is just a money pit. He felt anything he has had in St. Francis has not turned out. He stated he does things in other cities.

Mayor Feldman replied every city is different and he can't account for other city's laws. Mr. Ortell replied he came because the bill went up \$7,000.

Mayor Feldman replied he understood that because he was at the meeting when his number was \$10,000. He asked Jochum if there is an issue with changing it from four to one. Jochum replied it wasn't to him but assumed it was a zoning issue.

Mayor Feldman asked if that was what it was, a zoning issue. Thorstad asked Jochum if it brought down to one now and a medium density use comes in later if it would need to be changed again. Jochum replied they would need to go in to the street and put three more services in, that's why it needs to be decided before the construction.

Mr. Ortell asked how much it costs for three extra pieces of plastic glued together. Mayor Feldman replied that is not how it works. SAC and WAC work differently. It is a sewer access charge and a water access charge. The charge goes to maintain the system at large, not one individual unit over another. They have waste water

system that supplies sewer and water to over 4,000 residents, so that is what is about. He stated he has had people tell him that permits are high in the City, but permits are not high in the City it is the cost of SAC and WAC in every city. That is why SAC and WAC permits are high to maintain the system, not one individual system. He asked if that was correct. Barten confirmed this.

Jochum commented they took construction bids, it's by the unit.

Mr. Ortell asked if once he pays the \$16,700, then it is about \$10,000 a unit to hook up to it. Thorstad replied it is a little over \$7,000 per connection.

Mayor Feldman stated non-residents went up, residents didn't go up.

Mr. Ortell commented whenever he gets anyone interesting in buying it, it is too expensive. That's what it comes down to.

Mayor Feldman commented Mr. Ortell is selling it but he is selling it with City sewer and water instead of septic and well which is more attractive in a market. That always is. He asked what could be done that makes logical sense. Mr. Ortell doesn't want to pay anymore, which he understood, but at the same time it's four different units. If they make it one single unit and later on he wants four those streets have to be dug up again and the cost is going to be even higher.

Mr. Ortell agreed. He stated it used to be that no matter what the location it was \$500 for sewer and he was charge \$7,000 for one he couldn't use.

Mayor Feldman replied Andover is hooked up to the Met Region, St. Francis is a stand-alone system on their own. Standalone water and stand-alone waste water. Andover is hooked up the Met Region. They have their own water.

Mr. Ortell stated he was talking about a stub, which might be used, it might not. If it is hooked up the whole price for the sewer was paid but if it wasn't only the \$500 was paid for the stub. He stated that is how it used to be.

Jochum commented back not too many years ago, what is called a corporation, which connects the service to the main. They used to be able to be put those in for \$250, this bid was almost \$1,100.

Mayor Feldman asked how many years ago it was \$250. Jochum replied maybe three. Just that connection alone is \$1,100, then there is the pipe and the shut off valve. He stated water has gone up significantly.

Mr. Ortell replied he knows that, everything in life has gone up.

Mayor Feldman asked hypothetically if they were to approve one hook up for this building and he sold it, that he understood that if anyone wants to change it later

they would have to pay the extra. Mr. Ortell wouldn't care about that because he sold it.

Mr. Ortell replied it is best that he gets it done, he just wanted to know why it costs so much for so little. He stated they are going by the unit, there is a charge for that besides the physical.

Jochum replied no, there is no upcharge, it is the unit price per what the pipe, the corporation and the shut off.

Mayor Feldman asked if it was per unit. Mr. Ortell asked how it came to \$16,000. Jochum replied three more services were added, that is how it got there.

Mr. Ortell replied it was \$1,100.

Mayor Feldman replied that was for one connection, so four hook ups is \$1,100 for the piping.

Mr. Ortell replied okay, that's it then.

Mayor Feldman replied they are trying to come up with a solution for him. If the City were to go to one unit, that is fine and he would sell it but if anyone wanted to make it separate units they would have to pay to do that. He stated this is Mr. Ortell's chance to make it four and pass that cost on to the sale but he is saying he can't get a sale either way.

Mr. Ortell replied he understood but he is likely going to sell at a loss after this, but that is the way it is. He stated this has been a bad decision from the beginning.

Mayor Feldman replied from his experience in construction that four hook-ups is the way to go, not one. Have each one built separately with a separate service to each one which makes them responsible for it. That is the best way to do it and then the cost is passed on to the sale of the building.

Mayor Feldman continued that Mr. Ortell has said he has had difficulty selling the building and asked if there is more to it than just the hook-ups to sell the building. Mr. Ortell replied he didn't know. He had the land okayed to put in an assisted living building but his partner lost the deal.

Mayor Feldman advised Mr. Ortell to take the four because it is going to be better for him in the long run and spread it over 15 years and pass the sale onto the buyers of the property. Mr. Ortell replied the main reason he is there is to find out why it went from \$9,500 to that high because it sounds way to high. He stated he understood the explanation.

Mayor Feldman asked for Council comment.

Robinson commented he would agree that now is the time to do the four hook-ups. He asked if they are talking about flat land with bare lots they are talking about. Mayor Feldman replied yes from what he understood.

Robinson asked if it was four buildable lots. Mayor Feldman replied no, it is a multi-unit, four units in one building.

Robinson replied some people feel like they are the victim and they are trying to work with him. This is the time for him to make it a four or to change it to one and the Staff is willing to work with him.

Mr. Ortell replied he is going to stick with the four but the chances are that the City may not approve it to be a single so he will leave it at that.

Robinson replied he feels bad that people feel they are a victim but they can't account for people who acted before them and they are trying to do the best they can for the people now in front of them. He stated whatever Mr. Ortell feels is best to liquidate this property would be fine with him.

Mayor Feldman repeated he thought it would be more advantageous to have four hook-ups for that building because if there is only one, the four hook-ups are at the mercy of that one hook-up. With four hook-ups they each have control and responsibility. Then he can sell one unit individually and each is independent from each other.

Mr. Ortell replied that is the issue he had with the other property he had that he was told to put in two sewers but then wasn't allowed to build after they said they would. He stated he didn't trust the situation and has had such bad luck.

Mayor Feldman replied Council is taking the time to listen to him so he can only say that the dumbest question is the one that isn't asked. He encouraged him to ask a lot of questions of a lot of people. He stated that is what Council did when they came in six years ago because he sat in the chairs where Mr. Ortell is sitting asking questions about a waste water treatment center and now six years later he is still waiting for the answers to those questions. He stated he has to ask the questions, push the questions, and hopefully get answers. He stated this Council and this Staff give answers. It may not be the answer they want to hear but it will be a fully vetted answer all the time.

Bauer asked if it is four units if it considered high density or how much can be added to the property if it went back to high density and what is that type of hook-up look like. Thorstad replied it is in the land use side. She stated this new lot on this parcel was just approved last year and the concept that came through was one new lot with a four-plex on it. She stated it was allowed under the medium density zoning with the idea that the property behind it would be a part of a redevelopment

with higher infill in the future. She stated this is part of the housing concept in this area.

Bauer asked what the connection would look like if he went high density. Jochum replied they would likely put a six-inch pipe for service out there which are more expensive individually.

Bauer replied that might be better and maybe he and the property owner to the north could get together and put a hotel on there or something high density. He asked what is going in for the property to the north.

Jochum replied that would be service from 229th Lane and they are putting a stub there.

Udvig asked if Mr. Ortell is actively trying to sell this property. Mr. Ortell replied yes, but buyers are backing out because of the cost. He is trying to avoid losing money.

Mayor Feldman replied they are taking the time to discuss it with him.

Mr. Ortell replied he is going to stick with the four-plex and the four hook-ups and that is what it is going to cost, which is what he wanted to know.

Jochum stated he will email the plan so Mr. Ortell will know what went in.

Mayor Feldman asked Mr. Ortell what complaints he is getting from potential buyers. Mr. Ortell replied they say they are going to do it but they don't come through, it isn't worth it to do it. Part of it is the City and the cost of materials he wasn't sure.

Mayor Feldman repeated he thought it would be more attractive to be hooked-up on City sewer and water on four individual units. Take the assessment and put it over 15 years and pass the cost on to the buyers. Mr. Ortell replied he agreed but the problem is that he will have to put \$16,700 into an escrow account if he does sell it so they have it now that he knows this is going on. That is how it works when things are being sold.

Mayor Feldman stated he was sorry he couldn't help more and he was sorry for the miscommunication that happened years ago. Mr. Ortell replied it was not their deal, that was different. He thanked them for their time.

There being no further public comment, he closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor Feldman stated he may be speaking on behalf of some of the residents that live there. He stated as far as the driveways, they can get a group of people that want the change the driveways and go full. They can talk to contractors and get

some different pricing that way before they start tearing it apart. Jochum replied that is correct.

Mayor Feldman stated a credit would be given for the 12 to 15 feet in and that would give back to the owner and they can get a new driveway if they want. Jochum replied correct, but it will be their responsibility to built it to their garage.

Mayor Feldman asked Jochum about taxes and if he said residents can either pay it in full by a certain date. He asked what date that is. Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill replied they would have 30 days from the special assessment hearing to pay in full or they can spread it over a decided time frame.

Mayor Feldman gave the example of if a resident do an assessment for a couple years and asked if they could pay it off if they decide to later. Mulvihill replied yes, they can pay a special assessment off any time before November 15.

Mayor Feldman asked if that was of any year. Muvilhill replied yes adding that would be paid to the City of St. Francis.

Mayor Feldman asked if they would pay the interest. Muvilhill replied yes through the end of the year.

Mayor Feldman summarized they have to make a decision by November 15 of each year but they can pay it off but the interest goes to December 31.

Mulvihill replied if they pay it off early, what is on their taxes for that year they still owe but they are paying off anything past that year pertaining to the assessment. They can't pay partially, it has to be paid off completely.

Mayor Feldman stated that is the question he is asking because it has been brought to his attention. He asked if two years later they decide to pay \$10,000, for example, if they only have \$8,000 owed but only want to pay fractionally, they can't they have to pay all of it or none otherwise it stays on for the 15 years. Mulvihill confirmed this, adding they have had people pay a partial payment in the beginning but once it goes to the County they can't.

Mayor Feldman asked, for example, if it is a \$1,000 assessment and they pay \$500 down they would only get assessed for the \$500 amount. Mulvihill confirmed this, adding she would change the amount that was special assessed over the timeframe to what was left.

Mayor Feldman summarized they can either pay it off before November after the hearing in October, they can pay it off fully or partially and if they pay it off only 50%, the 50% goes to the assessment for 15 years. He asked if it was correct that at any time during that time after it has been assessed, they can pay off the full amount during the 15 years. Mulvihill confirmed this.

Mayor Feldman stated another question he had brought up yesterday was about plow-friendly speed bumps. He stated he has talked about this for years and will continue talking about it because that road is terrible. He stated he had his neighbor, who is an Anoka County Sheriff, who lives on that road telling him that most of the time speeds are between 30 and 35 miles an hour. But there are people, especially motorcycles that go a lot faster than that. He stated the neighbor now has a two-year-old who likes to run out to the street and if anyone knows two-year-olds if they are not watched they can take off down the block. He stated he knows they will have to get Oak Grove and the MSA on board but he really wanted this pursued. He stated he tried to get a three-way stop on 227th years ago but as he was explaining it to the City of Oak Grove's City Council he was told once a sign goes up it can't be taken down, which he thought was ridiculous and he was told to park a front end loader and park it on 225th and Lake George Blvd so there would be no through traffic, which he stated he thought was even more absurd, but coming from Oak Grove he wasn't so sure about that today. He asked about having some traffic calming measures. If the plow-friendly speed bumps don't work they could be taken out but he thought it was important to have something there. He stated walking to the mailbox on that street is one of the most dangerous things he can think of. He stated his neighbor with her two kids won't do it, and his wife won't either, he has to go to the mailbox. He stated the sidewalks will help a lot. He asked if they could ask MSA to push for a couple plow-friendly speed bumps from 229th to 227th.

Jochum replied they can ask but he can almost guarantee they won't be approved because it wouldn't meet their strict standards.

Mayor Feldman asked what their standards are. Jochum replied on design they have to meet their 30 mile an hour design speed, which a speed bump would not. Even putting in friendly humps wouldn't meet their design. They would have to go to a variance which he has asked about. He stated he has never had a variance request approved.

Mayor Feldman stated it wouldn't be in a parking lot so they would be gradual. He asked what their issue would be with it. Jochum replied their 30 mile-an-hour vertical curve design standards can't be met.

Mayor Feldman asked if it could be a bump but not a plow-friendly bump. Jochum replied it can't be a bump, it has to be gradual so people can go through there at 30 miles an hour.

Mayor Feldman stated he has pictures of that in the City of Minneapolis, Edina and Plymouth that have those. He was sure that was on city streets, not MSA. Jochum replied if City funds are used they can do whatever they want.

Mayor Feldman replied this is a conundrum between State roads and County roads

and Oak Grove, it's amazing that something that is common sense cannot get done. He stated he is seeing cars fly through there 55 to 60 miles an hour and will hit some kid some day and he is going to get some mother upset at him and he will say it could have been done better but couldn't because they couldn't follow specs of the MSA. He didn't understand that. He stated life is precious and they are going to say a bump is the difference between life and death on a road that needs it. He asked if he could write a letter to the MSA and have it delivered. He asked if he could get residents to sign it, is there anything within his power to make them understand or at least give it an effort. He stated he has always believed that trying at something and failing is better than not trying at all. He asked if he could try.

Jochum replied yes that can be addressed to Dan Anderson at State Aid.

Mayor Feldman commented he has talked to Dan many times before. He stated he is willing to try it, he is not giving up. He stated something has to be done. He has lived on that road for nine years and he can say that they are lucky that only some dogs have been killed, not humans. He didn't want to be the mayor that has to explain to a parent that they could have done better but there were some rules that had to be followed. He stated he has five grandkids and couldn't imagine explaining to someone that their child died because of a spec on a speed bump. He stated he will get together with Jochum and will contact Dan and do whatever he could to see if they could get something there. He asked if the MSA approves it, would Oak Grove still have to approve it too. Jochum replied yes, their engineer has signed off on the plans.

Mayor Feldman asked if he got it approved by the MSA there is a chance of not getting it approved by Oak Grove. Jochum replied there is a chance.

Mayor Feldman asked for Council comment.

Udvig agreed that road is a speedway and encouraged Mayor Feldman to keep trying.

Mayor Feldman commented the problem with that road is that it is a through-way from Bridge Street to Lake George Boulevard. He stated that he knew the Dellwood Construction requested to have a cul-du-sac back there so that it wasn't a through-way but that didn't get approved. He asked if Poppy Street was a County or State road. Jochum replied it is a City street.

Mayor Feldman asked if it was MSA. Jochum confirmed this.

Mayor Feldman commented what would happen was because it is a through way is that is a speed way from Bridge Street. There was a four way stop there, then a stoplight and now a round-about and it has gotten slightly better because of the round-about but he still hears motorcycles. He stated it isn't a race track, it is a residential street with a 30 mile an hour speed limit. He stated when he first joined

Council six years ago he fought for Poppy Street, after he became mayor he fought for every street like Poppy because there are more than one of them. He stated when the sign says 30 miles an hour in a residential area, he wished people would follow those rules because kids are playing in the street.

Bauer stated the specs for MSA are 30 miles an hour and asked if the City could reduce the speed limit to 15 and if someone gets caught speeding at 55 in a 15 chances are they will loose their license or at least get a ticket.

Jochum replied he knew there are statues, he didn't know if it was 25 and if it could be done on a State aid road.

Bauer stated that would be his suggestions.

Mayor Feldman noted there would be neighbors who would be mad about at 15 mile an hour limit.

Bauer stated cars aren't going very far on the road.

Mayor Feldman replied on Friday afternoon when people are using it one way to get to the bank he has seen women diving 55 miles an hour and don't care because they don't live there. He stated the sign is only as good as the enforcement behind it. If he can't get the speed bumps in that he will ask the police department to get out there and start tagging people. He stated it is well known off of 221st that there are police officers patrolling which is what has to happen on Poppy Street and any street like it. He stated he has fought for that road for nine years and didn't want anyone to die on that road. He stated he cares about people and the City and sometimes rules get in the way.

Robinson asked Jochum if it was correct that he said if the City pays for it there is a possibility it could be done. Jochum replied correct, if State Aid wasn't used for the whole project and Oak Grove would have to agree to not use State Aid funds also.

Mayor Feldman stated he is frustrated. He is speaking for himself as well as the residents because he lives on that street and it's dangerous. He stated he is amazed walking down to the mailbox and when he is cutting the lawn that he has to look both ways three or four times because of the cars. One time he was cutting the lawn and was on the edge and there was a car who didn't move over to give him room. He stated the former Police Chief apologized to him one day because he thought the Mayor was exaggerating but he had found out 650 cars go down that road a day.

Mulvihill asked to set an interest rate for the special assessments. She stated in 2020 it was set at 2.2%. Usually it is set 1% over the bond and because bond isn't being sold for this she asked if 2.2% should be used as it was in 2020.

There was Council consensus.

Mayor Feldman thanked Council and Staff for putting up with him but he felt he had to speak up for people because he is their voice and knows what it is like to sit in the area and be scared to come up.

8. OLD BUSINESS– NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report - Abdo

Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill stated the financial statement has been put online.

Justin Nilson of Abdo gave a presentation on the audit results and 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Mayor Feldman stopped Nilson during the section on the Enterprise Fund. He stated he had looked at those numbers but that is down because of the construction in 2021 that was paid by the Liquor Muni Fund, about \$45,000.

Nilson confirmed this but stated the cost of sales wouldn't be included but the closure is probably a big reason for the drop or some of the construction related activity. He stated the construction costs would not be included in these amounts.

Mayor Feldman stated the drop in revenue from being under construction. It was closed for one week but was otherwise open but with less inventory, space, fewer hours and less manpower to man those hours. He asked if that does reflect upon the revenue. Nilson confirmed this.

Nilson reported the state-wide averages are up a little higher. He stated maybe next year would be a better basis.

Mayor Feldman stated he saw the State-wide average as well. He commented that being under construction for five months wasn't really that bad as far as the dip in it compared to the State. As he is looking at expenses, it's a little high, transfers out but it wasn't that big a bite.

Nilson replied it wasn't for him to say, but that St. Francis was under the State-wide averages, it decreased this year but there is a reason for it.

Mayor Feldman commented he knew the profits were up but figured after five months of construction, closed for a week, with limited stock, inventory, help, and hours he thought that 10% was not that bad.

Nilson replied revenue is one thing but gross profit goes with how much money

they are actually making. He thought they would have a better picture in a year or two. He suggested looking at gross profit percentage.

Mayor Feldman commented it was pretty close to what the State-wide average was.

Mr. Nilson replied 2% is pretty drastic but when agreed that it is positive that the sales were close to what they were last year.

Mayor Feldman commented the key will be comparing 2022 to 2021, as they get a full year in after construction. He referenced slide 15 of a graphical chart of the City and asked what the emerald green color is. Mr. Nilson replied he was guessing that is the total cash because that is the only one not included.

Mayor Feldman commented he liked the report and the graphs. He referenced page 17 and commented he thought this Council and Staff have done a good job of keeping the tax rates low. He stated in looking at 2018 to 2021, it has actually gone down since they came in in 2017. He stated he liked the debt going down. The City has grown which will help. He stated he always has long talks with Mr. Nilson during the audits, which he likes. He stated he asked Mr. Nilson, and thought he would agree, that they have good City budgetary management and thought the City was in good shape. He stated it is under the umbrella of the economy, whether it is a sunny economy or cloudy one. He asked Nilson if he agreed they were in good shape as far as being able to weather a storm. Nilson agreed.

Mayor Feldman asked for Council comment.

Robinson commented it was a good report and liked the graphs as they are easy to compare. He thanked Mulvihill for her work and being a great communicator.

Mayor Feldman commented it really helps having a good auditing firm.

Muehlbauer added thanks for the work they do.

Udvig commented it was a great report and liked the graphs also.

Bauer commented it was a great report. He liked the graphs also and how much things were trending down which was a proof of concept over the last six years.

Mayor Feldman commented they just refinanced some bonds for a lower rate. He stated overall they have done pretty good as far as management of the money and tax payers monies. He thanked Mr. Nilson for the good report and for showing the numbers how they should be seen.

Mulvihill thanked Mr. Nilson and his team as they are easy to work with.

MOTION BY: UDVIG SECOND: BAUER BATO ACCEPT THE 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT BY ADBO.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Muehlbauer	aye
Councilmember Robinson	aye
Mayor Feldman	aye
Councilmember Bauer	aye
Councilmember Udvig	aye

Motion carried.

B. Poppy Street and 229th Reconstruction Project – Accept Bids Resolution 2022-28 Accepting bids for the Poppy Street and 229th Lane Reconstruction Project

Mayor Feldman referenced page 125 of the packet. He stated there is a difference in the alternate bid amount. He asked Jochum if the number of \$33,68.01 was right. Jochum apologized that he transposed the numbers. The second paragraph should say \$33,68.01 and the fourth paragraph should have \$37,532.01.

Mayor Feldman asked if it \$37,532.01. Jochum confirmed this.

Mayor Feldman explained to Council that it pertains to as it says here “reconstruction approximately 250 feet of sewer trunk that is currently within the City of Oak Grove’s road right-of-way.” He asked if he had that total number in a bid now. Jochum replied yes but it is an alternate so it can be accepted or not.

Mayor Feldman replied that is what he wanted to discuss with Council. He stated he always believes in having control of destiny and what he doesn’t like is that it is an Oak Grove situation. He stated they all have had experience with Oak Grove and know how that is. He would rather have control of this trunk line in this city than in another city. He stated if sister cities worked properly it would be nothing for St. Francis to have access to this area on a no cost basis but he could see where this could change down the road and they could hold them at bay as a hostage. He thought this was the time to do it while this road is under construction but relocated this line to their property, to St. Francis. He didn’t want to have to go back later on and have discussions with Oak Grove if access is needed to this area for any kind of access of easement where they could charge for it or make it more difficult to give access. He thought this was a wise thing to do even though there is more costly and is an alternate. He recommended doing this now at this time and not have to deal with Oak Grove later on. This way it would in the control of St. Francis always, forever perpetuity, which is the best place to be. He asked Jochum if he agreed.

Jochum replied he didn’t think Oak Grove could stop them from taking care of it but agreed it would be much better if St. Francis had control of this. He stated he

could see if there were some improvements Oak Grove wanted to do they could make St. Francis move it at that time, at a cost. At that time there would be a new street which would cost more money. He would defer to the City attorney if they could prevent maintenance to the sewer.

Mayor Feldman stated they could make it difficult.

Assistant City Attorney Dave Schaps replied they would argue strenuously against anything of that sort.

Mayor Feldman noted it could take weeks or months like anything else with them.

Schaps replied if this is going to be for City infrastructure and something that would serve the public would be something that would have an easement over it.

Mayor Feldman commented the best way to do it is to take it out of their hands and have it in St. Francis's control. He asked if Council was understanding this.

Robinson replied he remembered other conversations about this.

Jochum noted the upside is that it's 51 years old.

Mayor Feldman replied that is another reason to do it now when the cost factor is lower than later on with new streets. He stated he wanted to limit communication between a sister city that won't work as a sister city. He stated he is tired of it and he thought the Staff and Council were too. He stated they are still plowing streets and cutting down trees that Oak Grove should be doing. He stated he was even told that by Public Works just last week. He thought they should take control of this now and take advantage of it while there is construction going on. He recommended accepting the alternate.

Udvig commented she was fine with taking control of it and thought it was a good idea for St. Francis.

Bauer commented he agreed with taking control of it. He asked how that would look by leaving the old stuff underground. He asked if they are going to relocate it, can't they just deadhead it and not dig it completely up. Jochum replied that is what they would be doing. It would be capped and filled with it with sand.

Bauer asked if that would cost more to leave it. Jochum replied no, that is the least expensive.

Mayor Feldman referenced the next page and stated the company they picked for the main was \$175,000, their lowest if \$37,000. They can't mix/match but have to use one company for both.

Jochum confirmed this adding they are much lower overall.

Mayor Feldman asked Bauer would agree to do it. Bauer agreed.

Muehlbauer asked about the assessment stuff during the public hearing and if that number factored in to this or would Mr. Ortell be upset again because it is an alternate bid. Jochum replied that is not in the assessed cost.

Muehlbauer commented he agreed with having in in their hands.

Mayor Feldman stated they will do the alternate and put it in their control, which is where it should be. Maybe someday that sister city will be a real sister city and work with St. Francis but in case they don't St. Francis will have control of that area and the new piping. One less headache to deal with later.

Bauer asked Schaps if when the resolution is passed if it should be amended to add accepting the bid based off the 2.2% interest rate. Schaps replied that will be a part of the assessment hearing, this one is for accepting bids on the project, and if they are going to do the alternate, accepting the alternate as well.

Mayor Feldman asked if that should be stated in the motion. Schaps replied it would be stated on the record and make it a part of the resolution.

MOTION BY: MUEHLBAUER SECOND: MAYOR FELDMAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-28 AND THE ALTERNATE BID AS PRESENTED BY STAFF FOR \$37,533.01.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Muehlbauer	aye
Councilmember Udvig	aye
Councilmember Bauer	aye
Councilmember Robinson	aye
Mayor Feldman	aye
Motion carried 5-0	

C. Dellwood Trail Riverbank Stabilization Project

City Administrator Kate Thunstrom gave a presentation on the Dellwood Trail Riverbank Stabilization Project.

Mayor Feldman stated he did some math on this and talked to Thunstrom earlier. He referenced page 147 and stated if the owners take 15% of the \$220,000 that is not how this works, there is a bigger number here. They took the gross number and gave 15%, that is how it got to \$35,000. You can't take the 220,447 that is the ACD's responsibility, 85%. You can't take that and times it by 15% because you will not get \$35,730, you will get \$33,370. He stated Thunstrom talked to Jared and

pointed out to him that it is a gross number they didn't put down in there. He wanted to clarify that for Council. He stated this is an important thing to. Anytime the river can be stabilized, especially as time goes on more will need to be made of the river. He thought the City should do more with it because it is a benefit to the City. He stated he supported it as a good thing. He asked for Council comment.

Udvig commented she thought it was necessary and should be moved forward.

Muehlbauer commented he didn't have any issues with it.

Robinson asked there will be an additional costs and if the City Engineer will get involved to protect the City's interest to make sure things get done properly. City Engineer Craig Jochum replied he will be working with ACD to finish this.

Robinson asked if there will be addition billing from his company. Jochum replied it is all included.

MOTION BY: BAUER SECOND: ROBINSON TO ACCEPT THE DELLWOOD TRAIL RIVERBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Udvig	aye
Councilmember Bauer	aye
Mayor Feldman	aye
Councilmember Robinson	aye
Councilmember Muehlbauer	aye
Motion carried 5-0	

C. Work Session Request

City Administrator Kate Thunstrom stated she and Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill would like to meet with Council to discuss the 2023 budget including the parks PIC pieces received from HKGI regarding the park plan and the future budget. She proposed June 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Feldman asked Council if that worked for them.

Robinson replied that date wouldn't work for him.

Mayor Feldman asked about June 28, 2022

Bauer commented he will out of town but could set up Zoom.

Council consensus was to schedule a Work Session June 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Bauer and Muehlbauer will set up Zoom to attend remotely.

10. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NONE**11. REPORTS****A. Public Works Monthly Report - April 2022****1. Streets and Parks - Water and Sewer**

Streets & Parks Supervisor Jeremy Shook gave the April 2022 Streets and Parks monthly report.

Mayor Feldman commented it was a great report and well organized.

Robinson commented there has been a recurring pothole but it was taken care before he had to call which means they have been out working.

Mayor Feldman commented after the last storm with trees going down, there was a tree down blocking 227th, instead of waiting for Oak Grove, St. Francis guys were out clearing the roadway early in the morning.

Muehlbauer commented he appreciated their work.

Bauer commented it was a great report and appreciated their work.

Udvig commented she appreciated their work in mowing the parks and cleaning up after the street. She noticed interaction with the staff and residents, which she appreciated.

Mayor Feldman commented they are friendly. He stated the whole Staff is like that, the fire, police, public work, the whole staff. He stated the public needs to know the Staff is there for them. He thanked them.

Water and Sewer Supervisor Parish Barten gave the April 2022 water and sewer report.

Mayor Feldman commented he was glad to see there were no issues with the sanitary inspection, which is a testament to the team. He stated Deer Creek always seems to be on trouble spot along with Turtle. He stated education is the key. He commented it was a good report. He stated when the waste water treatment was first coming on line in 2017 he had talked about then City Administrator Joe Kohlmann about outsourcing it. But Barten has gone beyond showing that he can handle this facility and has done an exceptional job. He thanked Barten and stated he is running it as the state-of-the-art facility that it is and it's working really well. Barten credited the staff.

Robinson commented it was great report and expressed thanks for the awesome job they do.

Bauer commented that employees don't get enough credit and appreciated Barten saying it is a team effort.

Udvig commented it was a great report. She agreed that education of the public was important and hoped there wouldn't be plugged lift stations. She thanked Barten for his work and being hands on alongside his staff.

Muehlbauer thanked them for their work.

Mayor Feldman commented it was nice to have confidence in Staff that the job gets done as it needs to. He stated all Staff members step up when it's needed. He stated some cities don't run like that but this one does and he was grateful.

2. Fire Department Monthly Report – April

Fire Chief Dave Schmidt gave the Fire Department Monthly Report for April. He highlighted statistics for the month. He gave a special thank you to Councilmember Udvig for making it to the Open House on May 7, 2022.

Mayor Feldman commented he saw so far no COVID-19 calls. Schmidt confirmed this.

Mayor Feldman commented he was glad to see the fire inspection numbers went up. He stated it was a good report. He referenced the response times which look good. He referenced page 159 and stated the number of fire runs versus EMS, fire departments need to relabel themselves as EMS and Fire services. He stated not just here, but all the chiefs all said the same thing on the tours of the fire stations. He stated the trend is going that way.

Mayor Feldman stated there was an email sent by Joe Lawrence, the Deputy Chief about an elderly gentleman who couldn't breathe because of some food stuck in his throat. He repeated his prior comments that if someone is going to have a health issue, this is the city to have it. With these two chiefs of their departments, police and fire, that public safety is really that, public safety. That was the difference. He had some help from the Anoka County Sheriff but because of the St. Francis firefighters this man is alive today. He stated he is very proud to be the mayor of a public safety department on both fire and police that have done this, as he is of the whole Staff in general. He stated he is proud to have a team like this, working as it is. He gave credit to them adding saving lives there is no more precious thing that they can do because a price tag can't be put on a life. He stated saving a life on the golf course and now this one here. Two chiefs that show they can handle it. He thanked them.

Muehlbauer thanked the department and appreciated their work.

Mayor Feldman asked them to pass that along to the department because they may not get out to say it in person but they do genuinely care and appreciate the services they provide. He stated if he has another heart attack this is the city to have it in because he knows he will get a quick response which is appreciated.

Udvig commented it was an excellent report and asked them to keep up the good work. She asked Schmidt to tell the volunteer firefighters how much Council appreciates them and how important they are to the City. If there is a fire or emergency, she likes the response time from police and fire and the fact that they work so well together. She thanked him.

Bauer commented it was a great report. He thanked Schmidt for their work. He stated he would be on the department if he could. He hoped the City gets into the 21st century some time that allows emergency services and an elected official. He commented it is good to see that many people volunteering for emergency services which is a difficult field. He asked Schmidt to thank his staff for their dedication.

Robinson commented he liked to see the fire inspection numbers went up. He hope the residential and commercial people embrace it and are happy to see it. He is really glad they are doing that. He stated when he got the email he felt it said a lot. He asked about the relationship with Nowthen.

Schmidt replied it has been going well. They are in transition as they are soliciting for a full time City Administrator. He stated there was difficulty when they had staff leave but have finally caught up. Captains were just appointed which will help with the day to day management. He stated overall it has been it has been going well and he is pleased with the progress they are making.

Robinson asked if Schmidt has been able to find work/life balance. Schmidt replied working with two cities with Councils and Staffs that it takes a lot of time. He stated there have been some good steps made but there is some development that still needs to happen with staff development, which will be the focus of the rest of the year.

Robinson asked if Schmidt felt he was meeting his expectation when he took this on six or seven months ago. Schmidt replied most days, some areas are exceeding expectations and others not as much but over all he is proud of the work they have been able to accomplish.

Robinson asked Schmidt if he is getting support from the staff there. Schmidt confirmed this.

Mayor Feldman commented it really shows that in all departments here that leaders lead by example. Schmidt brought something to that city that needed it, as he has done in St. Francis and Police Chief Todd Schwieger has done in his department, Public Works, Community Development and the others. They all lead by example.

He stated it shows when the right leader is in charge things trickle down.

12. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Udvig reports on Saturday, May 2, 2022 she attended the Fire Department's Spring into Action event. She stated there was so much going on for everyone in attendance. She stated she hasn't had a lot of time to sit and talk to the fire staff to hear their needs and concerns which aren't specific to St. Francis. She reported she attended the Work Session on May 9, 2022 and yesterday was able to attend the first fundraiser of the St. Francis Ambassador Program. She stated they had a silent auction and other activities. She reported she is continuing her work with the Chamber on Pioneer Days. She reported there are only four volunteers signed up so far for the whole weekend and more are needed. She stated if they want these events, like the fireworks, they need people to help. She stated the schedule is changing as needed. She stated they are looking at what future Pioneer Days will look like if they can't get volunteers to make things happen. She encouraged residents to contact her via phone, email or Facebook. The Chamber has a volunteer sign up on their Facebook page. She reported there was a dog licensing at the police department on the same day as the fire department event. She stated marketing for that could have been better. She reminded residents that it is unsafe to allow children to be at parks by themselves, especially those that have ponds and rivers close by for their safety.

Muehlbauer reported he attended the Work Session last week.

Bauer thanked Finance Director Darcy Mulvihill for her work on the audit. He stated he and his wife signed up to volunteer for Pioneer Day. He stated he thought coming out of COVID may be a factor in the lack of volunteers but that St. Francis needs to come together as a community. He encouraged residents to volunteer this year to get it back on track as a community and relationship building event. He thanked City Administrator Kate Thunstrom for performing outstandingly.

Robinson reported he attended the Work Session on May 9, 2022 where Hwy 47 was discussed. He stated it is a long process which is being considered carefully to ensure it is done right for the safety of the public and inconsideration of residents and businesses nearby. He stated there is a lot of behind the scene work that the elected officials and administrative staff are doing. He stated it is a priority despite delays due to COVID. He stated grant money is available and the project is moving forward. He stated he will be attending the police academy again and felt it was a great program which helps residents understand and appreciate the police department. He reported the building committee met with the architectural firm to discuss plans for the City Hall/ Fire Station which is needed.

Mayor Feldman agreed with Robinson that it is important for the City and the residents. He stated they have been planning for it for quite a while. He reported Miles Britz, the architect from Pearl Architect, passed away on Sunday from cancer. He stated Miles was a great guy and he was sad to hear it. He stated he

talked to his wife this morning.

Mayor Feldman reported he, Parish, and Jeremey will be working out the last details for the Liquor Muni. He stated tomorrow will be one year from the start of the project, May 17, 2021 and now May 17, 2022. He stated it was amazing that a five-month project took a whole year to get lien waivers, manuals, and materials on site. He stated he will not give it up until it gets done. He reported the next two days, May 17 and 18, 2022 he will be working with Public Works on some issues that have to be worked out. They will be doing some changes on the floor of the entryway. The store will not be closed down. They will also be putting in some corners in the retail area, a new threshold in the back by the delivery doors, and finishing the last of the checklist items they have. He commended Public Works Staff for helping him, as all Staff has always done, which is important here. He stated it has taken a long time trying to get this done but it is wrapping up and they finally have the building being designed and used for what it is. Now it is up to John and the staff, after getting some new hires, and now the promotion part, the hard part of promoting the store comes. He leaves it in good hands with John and the staff to do that.

Mayor Feldman expressed thanks for their patience with his cancer. He stated some of the new drugs he is taking are harsh and he has to readjust where he can. He will try to make every meeting. He appreciates their support when he can. He stated he doesn't prefer Zoom meetings but he is doing a couple of meetings that way. He stated he will always try to attend meetings as much as possible but his health is an issue right now. He asked for patience with him as he will try his hardest. The drugs are not user friendly. He stated some days he doesn't want to get out of bed but he will do his best as he has always done and always tries to. He stated as far as the City itself, he is proud to be the mayor and will run for re-election. He stated he will file tomorrow with Jenni. He wants to continue this course of direction they are going with the City because it is a good direction. He wants to see Hwy 47 completed, the City Hall/ Fire Station up, and see the City get to another level of 12,000 people in a responsible way and get some things people want in the City like another grocery store, drug store or Aldi. He stated it is time for the City to have activities so St. Francis residents don't have to go to other cities to enjoy those same activities. They shouldn't have to wait in line at other cities when they can do the same things here. He stated it is time to do that and commended Staff for helping to get to that point. He stated it has been a long hard road and there is a lot of work still to be done but he has no problem dealing with problems with this Staff because they will get the problem solved to the best of their ability. He stated they are finally earning the trust of the public, which has been a lot of hard of work for the last few years but is paying off. The public sees their government is working for them, on their behalf which is important. He stated he doesn't see that at the Federal level and maybe not even at the State level, but he certainly sees it at the City level, which is very good. The work is getting done, it is hard work. He stated they all do hard work, which isn't always seen behind the scenes. From the committees they attend, the Work Sessions they go to, to all

that they do, there is a lot of work behind it. It is all work that gets it to where it is today. There is still more work to do but unlike other Councils they actually do the work and it shows because it is paying off as the City is going in the right direction.

Mayor Feldman announced May 18, 2022 is the invitation to the Siwek Park. He invited everyone to come out to get free ice cream sandwiches and see a whole new park come together. He commended City Administrator Kate Thorstad for getting the grants in order to get this park up and running. He thought it was a big deal to have a safe place for kids to play. He thanked the safety departments for the work they do, being community oriented and creating relationships to build trust with the public. He stated people should never be afraid to call fire, police, public works or any of the Staff. He stated they make this Council look good. He reported he went to the Work Session and agreed with Robinson that Hwy 47 is continuing. A consulting firm was hired based on the recommendation from Commissioner Matt Look, which is going good. The reception of the message depends on the messenger and he hoped MNDot would get that message from WSB that what St. Francis needs is for a road that is safe, has access to existing business and allows future expansion for the commercial base. If that premise is worked on and they can give a road that can benefit the City long term, which is important. He stated they are sticking to those ideals and WSB has that in mindset and he hoped the new options that come forth will benefit on that road for many years to come. He stated the City Hall/ Fire Station is a necessity that could have been avoided if it had been handled differently over the years. Instead of leasing six buildings, if the right building had been purchased at the right time they wouldn't be talking about it now. If they incorporate the uses of today and the needs of tomorrow in that building, along with community activities it will be a real benefit to the City at large which is a big deal. He stated he met with Parish, Colin, Jeremey, and one contract to put in a new roof, rail system and a brick face on the rock face block on the gazebo. They have a wedding scheduled for August 24, 2022 and September 1, 2022 so they are working to get that all updated and maintenance free while keeping the attractiveness of it. But having a roof that will last for many years, 50 years, a rail system that will be maintenance free and a brick façade. He stated they will get the bids together and bring that forth, hopefully well before August. He let them know there is a group working on that. He commended the building committee for their work. He stated he worked with Dave on the site plan analysis and will continue to do that with Dave and Kate to make sure that contract works on both side, and doesn't favor one over the other. He stated the building committee is a good group of people who are asking the right questions, doing the right vetting, and want this project to turn out well.

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

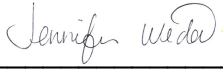
June 6, 2022 – City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

June 20, 2022 – City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

July 05, 2022 – City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Feldman adjourned the regular City Council at 8:11 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Wida", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jennifer Wida, City Clerk