

A Public Hearing Relating to the City's proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing "Modification and Plan" convened at 6:00 PM at the Cromwell Pavilion on May 18, 2022. Shelley Eldridge of Ehlers Public Finance Advisor, on behalf of the Chris and Alisha Soderbloom request, presented information and answered questions. The Public Hearing closed at 6:26 PM.

A Public Hearing relating to the Subdivision Request for: LEGAL DESCRIPTION – Government Lot 6, Section 4/Township 48/Range 20 of Carlton County. Tract 1 being the South Half of Northeast Quarter of Lot Six (6) totaling 22.9 acres and Tract 2 being that part of Government Lot 6, Section 4, Township 48, Range 20 of Carlton County totaling 2.83 acres; was convened at 6:27 PM at the Cromwell Pavilion on May 18, 2022. Chris and Alisha Soderbloom presented information about the request. Cromwell City Engineer John Jamnick of JPJ Engineering was also present to answer questions. The Public Hearing closed at 6:34 PM.

**CITY OF CROMWELL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CROMWELL PAVILION
WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2022**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on May 18, 2022 at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Mayor Sharon Zelazny, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Sharon Zelazny, Council Members Lisa Irving, Ray Lally, Ed Raisanen and Alex French. Also present was City Engineer John Jamnick.

Mayor Zelazny welcomed all in attendance.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 8.1.b. COVID Update. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Shelly Eldridge, of Ehlers Public Financial Advisors reviewed the TIF Plan created on behalf of Chris and Alisha Soderbloom. There was a motion by Lally, seconded by French, to approve the attached Resolution #22.5.18-1 to adopt a Modification to the Development Program Development District No. 1 and the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-3 (a housing district) and establish the District. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Raisanen, French, Irving, Zelazny; NO - none. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Irving, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the attached Resolution #22.5.18-2 Subdividing an Existing Tract of Land, LEGAL DESCRIPTION –

Government Lot 6, Section 4/Township 48/Range 20 of Carlton County. Tract 1 being the South Half of Northeast Quarter of Lot Six (6) totaling 22.9 acres and Tract 2 being that part of Government Lot 6, Section 4, Township 48, Range 20 of Carlton County totaling 2.83 acres. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Raisanen, French, Irving, Zelazny; NO - none. Motion carried.

City Engineer John Jamnick reviewed the bids opened on May 17 for Water-Wastewater Improvements Project 19-619. There were two bidders, Utility Systems of America, Inc. and KGM Contractors, Inc. with Utility Systems of American, Inc. being the lowest bid. The bid information now goes to USDA for review after which the council will consider action.

City Engineer John Jamnick updated the council on the DNR Grant and Park Drainage Grant bids. That bid opening is scheduled for May 31, 2022.

Due to the status of the Water-Wastewater Improvements Project 19-619 bid status and the Park bid opening, Mayor Zelazny will set a special meeting to consider these items.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the consent agenda which included: Approval of April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and April 27, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; Pavilion Calendar: May 2022 & June 2022; and Northland Pine Riders – \$1,000 Donation for Pavilion Lighting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The May financial report was not available so it will be considered at the June Regular Council meeting.

The Council acknowledged the following correspondence: Minnesota Frontline Workers.

Mayor Zelazny gave the council the results of their Long-Term Planning working session showing collectively their top priorities are: #1 Broadband, #2 Restaurant and #3 Pavilion Community Center Update, Vehicle Chargers, Digital Signs, and get the rental unit on top of the City Hall ready for rental. Mayor Zelazny thanked the council for this important input as it helps give the City direction on future goals.

Mayor Zelazny also gave a COVID Update. The council asked for further information and this agenda item will be added to the upcoming special meeting.

Mayor Zelazny also updated the council on:

- an insurance claim paid when the water tower froze due to a circulating pump malfunction;
- school presentations to 4th grade about good lake stewardship and 3rd grade about city government;
- pursuing a restaurant; and
- a letter received from Chloe Smith with a business consideration request.

Councilor Lally reminded the council that he and his wife, Lindsay, are sponsoring the upcoming blood drive on June 29.

Councilor Irving brought up a possible suggestion for a Municipal Liquor Store improvement.

Mayor Zelazny reported on the City securing a \$10,000 SWP Implementation Grant to help in updating the pumping station.

The March 22, 2022 Joint Powers minutes were available for review.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on the FY 2023 Congressional Directional Spending - Senator Amy Klobuchar – Broadband for City of Cromwell application submitted.

Mayor Zelazny updated the council on an upcoming meeting with SCI Broadband on May 23. The Mayor, Lisa Irving and Brenda Nyberg, Carlton County Economic Development, will attend.

There was a motion by Raisanen, seconded by French, to approve the attached Resolution #22.5.18-3 Authorizing Use of a New Voting System in Carlton County Municipalities. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Raisanen, French, Irving, Zelazny; NO - none. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by Raisanen, to approve the City of Cromwell Zoning Map dated May 2022. Roll call vote: YES - Lally, Raisanen, French, Irving, Zelazny; NO - none. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Lally, seconded by French, to acknowledge and Commend Cromwell-Wright High School 2022 Valedictorian Scarlett Korpela and Co-Salutatorians Andrea Pocernich and Jay Olesiak and Rita Clark – for her Outstanding Citizen Contribution to the City of Cromwell. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Zelazny declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Sharon Zelazny, Mayor

Ray Lally, Council Member