Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Public Hearing of the final assessments for the 2019 Street and Utility Improvements to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 14, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Tom Rieke and Jim Anderson were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill, Don & Dee Kessler, Lance Severin, Mike & Vonne Coyle, Nicole Diefenderfer, Troy Freitag, Christi Weber, Terry & Debra Otto, Jeff Irish, Bonnie Mertesdorf, Jared Baumann, Rick Hulke, Phyllis Wenner, Shawn T., Joe Duncan (*Bolton and Menk*) and Lee Zion (*Ledger*).

Mayor Fred Froehlich opened the hearing with 2 written statements from Jeanne Anderson of 420 Ash Street and Mike and Vonne Coyle formerly of 421 3rd Street.

Jeanne Anderson questioned why the increase in her assessment for the alley work compared to the proposed assessment. City engineer explained that the actual work completed was higher than the proposed cost to repair the alley.

Mike & Vonne Coyle stated they weren’t notified of the work that was happening in the alley behind their home and they sold their home stating that there weren’t current assessment charges pending. The clerk shared with them the notification that was sent to all the residents involved in the projects in November 2018 of the public hearing that was held December 11, 2018 notifying them of the possible improvements.

The following residents spoke out:

Jared Baumann of Ash Street stated his assessment doesn’t add value to his property.

Christy Weber of 7th Street asked questions about the sod.

Lance Severin of 7th Street wanted clarification on his assessment regarding his driveway as he hired a private contractor to finish his driveway.

Shawn T of 4th Street asked if any grants were researched to help elevate the cost of the project. Also, he questioned if he was billed 2 times for surveying of his property.

Jeff Irish of Pine Street asked if the dollar amounts on the assessment notification were the final amounts.

Phyllis Wenner of 7th Street stated the cost of her driveway is higher than the proposed amount.

Terry Otto of 3rd Street asked about his water service line.

*The public hearing adjourned at 7:01 pm and the regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 which was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*The agenda was approved on a motion made J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*The minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2019 and minutes of the special meeting of October 21,*

*2019 was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by J. Anderson, and which*

*carried with all voting in favor.*

*The bills totaling $314,976.04 were approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by J. Anderson and which carried with all voting in favor.*

The Clerk noted that 4 properties turned in their agreement stating that they will be compliant with Ordinance No. 148 by August 1, 2020.

Maintenance noted that 2 trees need to be removed, 1 on Pine Street and 1 off of 4th Street and a couple of bids were received.

*Bid from Carr’s Tree Service in the amount of $1,000 to remove 2 trees was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by T. Rieke, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

Mayor Froehlich noted that there was no federal grant money approved for the expansion of Highway 14 to New Ulm.

*Resolution #11-19-19 – Adopting the 2019 Street & Utility Improvements Assessment Roll was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by J. Anderson, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*Amendment to the agreement for refuse and recycling collection with LJP Waste and Recycling extending the contract for the period of 5 years until December 31, 2024 was approved on a motion made by T. Rieke, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*The following building and zoning permits were approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by J. Anderson, and which carried with all voting in favor:*

*Building Permits:*

*1) Sunset Mobil 1, move in home*

*2) Sunset Mobil 12, move in home*

*3) Land to Home, 515 5th St., Redoing of Drains, $3,000*

*4) Land to Home, 515 5th St., Small Remodel, $4,500*

*5) Derek & Ashley Wahl, 315 Elm St., Waterproof and Egress Windows, $10,000*

*6) Larry & Tammy Kelly, 934 3rd St., Reside, $14,000*

*7) Grant Poehler, 217 Walnut St., Storage Building, $80,000*

*8) Dave Mans, 825 Wels Ct., Deck, $2,550*

*Zoning Permits:*

1. *Grant Poehler, 217 Walnut St., Storage Building, $80,000*
2. *Dave Mans, 825 Wels Ct., Deck, $2,550*

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

1. Dec 9, 2019 TNT Hearing, 6:00 pm, Monday
2. Dec 9, 2019, Regular Meeting, 6:15, Monday

*With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm, which was approved on a motion made by*

*J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

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Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer