

June 21, 2021

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. Mayor Donker presided.

Councilmen present: Steve Arnosky, Diane Brown Wilhelm, Maureen Donker, Pamela Hall,  
Marty Wazbinski

Councilmen absent: None

#### **STORM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM WORK SESSION**

City Manager Brad Kaye, Attorney Pat McGow, Miller Canfield, and Brian Hannon, Vice President at Moore & Bruggink, discussed sanitary sewer infrastructure improvement financing options, including the distinctions between Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds and Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds). Following discussion, Council direction to staff was to prepare plans based on the use of Capital Improvement Bonds that do not require a special election and public vote, but can be elevated to a public vote if a referendum request is received from 10% or more of the electors in the City.

City Manager Brad Kaye, General Supervisor of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Bruce Royce, Brian Hannon, Vice President and Jarod Stuyvesant, Project Engineer at Moore & Bruggink, Mike Lunn, Chief Innovation Officer at Primodal Inc., and Peter Klaver, Senior Project Engineer at LimnoTech discussed elements of Concept 5, as previously amended and expanded by Council. Discussion focused in depth on the footing drain disconnect program in light of past public comments and concerns. Following discussion, Council direction to staff was to continue forward with a footing drain disconnect program. Staff was asked to prepare a program that utilized a combination of Capital Improvement Bonds and user fees, that would not include direct charges to homeowners being asked to disconnect their footing drains, but would include surcharges directly attributable to the cost of conveying and treating clean water through the sanitary sewer system for homes that choose not to disconnect. Expansion of the footing drain disconnect program throughout additional areas of the City is also to be investigated to reduce flows to the treatment plant.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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James O. Branson III, Deputy City Clerk