PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
THE LAKE CRYSTAL CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 5:30 O’CLOCK P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE
CITY HALL BUILDING
100 E ROBINSON STREET

Members present: Mayor Ahrenstorff, Councilors Wiens, Gengler, Schultz, and Cooper.

Staff members present: Taylor Gronau, City Administrator; Teri Thompson-Hobart, Office Manager; Jeff Becker, Fire Chief; Jeanine McDonald, Ambulance Chief; Dean Tibbetts, Street and Maintenance Superintendent; and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Others present: Don Marben, Lake Crystal Tribune; Owen Todd, Bolton & Menk; Brian Sarff, Bolton & Menk; Bob McDonald; Mark Ullrich; Barb Rock; Jack and Jane Rupert; Phil Hoehn; Ruth Ledwein; Val Erickson; Jerome Hawker; Donald P. Schmidt; Byrene Schmidt; Dale Schmidt; John Neumann; Lora Honstad; Ed and Connie Betz; John and Lois Larson; Becky and Todd Sittig; Mike Volk; Shaun and Tami Simonson; Andy Teigen; Ruth Jensen; Kristen Friedrichs; Judi Thiesse; Linda Isebrand; Gary Reed; Scott and Nancy Ellanson; Josh Siebert; Robert Antonson; Paul Rynearson; Bruce and Janet Smutka; Patty Martin; Rose Tinklenberg; Jay Richardson; Milt Abraham; Garnann Adermann; Roger and Linda Hoechst; Don Schneider; Barb Feder; Joyce Johnson; Susan Blythe; Kari Paul; Ron Teigen; Dorothy Barnick; Scott Larson; Luke Anderson; and Gaby Rodriguez.

Call to Order: Mayor Ahrenstorff called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Presentation: Owen Todd, City Engineer, reviewed the Southwest Street and Utility Improvement Project, block by block as it pertains to tree removal, street width, and sidewalk impacts.

Public Hearing:
Mayor Ahrenstorff opened the Public Hearing at 5:47 p.m. to hear public comments concerning the final layout for the Southwest Street and Utility Improvement Project.

Residents shared the following concerns:
- Most were opposed to sidewalks being installed on Anna and Hunt Streets south of Bert Street due to maintenance obligations, the removal of trees, and cost.
- There was a number of residents that were opposed to narrowing the streets.
- Accessibility to properties during construction was discussed.
- The residents did not want trees removed.
- Several residents were concerned about assessments. Administrator Gronau noted that the maximum residential assessment would not exceed $8,000 per parcel. Deferral options for property owners over the age of 65 or who are permanently disabled are available. A formal assessment hearing will be held at a later date.

After comments were completed Mayor Ahrenstorff closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.
Adjournment

Councilor Gengler moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to adjourn the Special meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Brad Ahrenstorff, Mayor

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator