PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
THE LAKE CRYSTAL CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL MEETING
ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 AT 6:30 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; Jeanine McDonald, Ambulance Chief; Bill Daley Water/Wastewater Superintendent; and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Others present: Don Marben, Lake Crystal Tribune; Brian Sarff, Bolton & Menk; Mark Ullrich; Jack Rupert; Phil Hoehn; Ruth Ledwein; Val Erickson; Jerome Hawker; Don Schmidt; Byrene Schmidt; Dale Schmidt; John Neumann; Lora Honstad; Ed Betz; Barb Rock; Mike Volk; Shaun and Tami Simonson; Rose Tinklenberg; Milton Abraham; Garnann Adermann; Roger Hoechst; Jordan Mediger; Lorna Nelson; Chuck and Mary Norgaard; Jim Mack; Nancy Eilola; Mary Goodrich; Loretta Williams; Nancy Sorgatz; Jennifer Lemke; Kris and Marvin Odgaard; Susan Blythe; Paul Thomas; Ray and Betty Cihak; Barb Hanson; Chris Forsberg; Virgil Lewis; Terrance D. Chesney; Dave Sloan; Steve Helder; Tony Malwitz; June (illegible); Jill (illegible); and R Sch (illegible).

Call to Order: Mayor Ahrenstorff called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Presentation: City Administrator Gronau reviewed the assessment calculation process for the Southwest Street and Utility Improvement Project and referred to a third party report. Gronau informed those present of the Notice that was mailed to each property owner informing them of their individual assessment and payment options available. Applications for deferrals must be submitted within 90 days of May 6, 2019.

Public Hearing: Mayor Ahrenstorff opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. to hear public comments concerning the proposed assessments for the Southwest Utilities Improvement Project.

The following residents addressed the City Council with inquiries as listed:

1. Marvin Odgaard – 201 S Lincoln St. #107
   • What is included in the assessment?
   • How is the interest calculated?
   • How will he be able to access his underground garage during construction?
   • Will assessments increase if the final project cost is higher than projected?

2. Donald P. Schmidt – 661 Anna Ave.
   • Why is his assessment $8,000 and his neighbor’s assessment if $4,000?
   • He does not feel there is a fair division of the project cost.

3. Jerome Hawker – 21 Helen Lane
   • He thought the bids came in $1,000,000 less than the estimated cost and wondered why the assessments are $8,000 if the bid was lower.
   • How was the assessment calculated?
   • What happens if your property value does not increase by the assessed amount?

4. Mary Norgaard – 122 W. Watonwan
- Feels it is wrong to assess project costs to the residents because many of them are on a fixed budget and cannot afford the assessment.
- Works the night shift and is concerned about being able to sleep during the day during construction.

5. Jennifer Lemke – 601 S Main St.
- Concerned about access to her property during construction.

- Concerned about the commercial properties being assessed a much larger portion of project costs and not being able to afford the large assessment.

7. Terrance D. Chesney – 151 S Hunt
- Requested a copy of the assessment roll.
- Process for registering a complaint.

8. Mark Ullrich – 635 S Anna
- Why does payment of the assessment begin prior to the project completion date of 2020?

After comments were completed Mayor Ahrenstorff closed the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Brad Ahrenstorff, Mayor

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator