City Council Members present: Mayor, Brad Ahrenstorff; Councilors Todd Wiens, Gina Cooper, Roger Hoechst, and Larry Schultz.

Public Utilities Commission Members present: Chairman, Dennis McCoy; Commissioners Brad Nelson and Don Johnson

Staff present: City Administrator, Taylor Gronau; Superintendent, Dean Tibbetts;

Others present: Owen Todd, Bryan Saarf and Dan Donayre, Bolton & Menk.

Call to Order: Mayor Ahrenstorff and Chairman McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in order to discuss the Southwest Street and Utility Improvement Project next steps and designating a local wetland authority.

Owen Todd, Bolton & Menk, provided an update on the Southwest Utility Improvement Project.

Discussion was held on the following:

- The location of sidewalks in the project area.
- The width of streets in the project area.
- The schedule for presentation of the preliminary engineer’s report, final plans, public open house, public hearings, bidding and special assessment process.

Staff will incorporate discussion from the meeting in preliminary plans for the project and calculate cost savings of proposed sidewalk and street width changes. Staff anticipates presenting the Preliminary Engineering Report at the October 15 City Council meeting.

Dan Donayre, Bolton & Menk, presented information on the process for designating the City of Lake Crystal as the Local Government Unit (LGU) responsible for enforcing wetland regulations promulgated by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Currently, Blue Earth County is the designated LGU. The Council and Commission requested further information, specifically, other cities of similar size in the State that are the designated LGU, those cities’ experiences, and costs associated with being the responsible LGU. Staff will present that information at a future meeting of the City Council.
There being no further business the workshop was adjourned.

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator