



APRIL 7, 2025 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 07, 2025 at 5:30 PM

7701 County Road 110 West Minnetrista, MN 55364

1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Woodland Cove Crosswalk Discussion

City Administrator Kruggel presented an overview stating that staff has been in communication with HOA representatives and met with them as early as July 2024. At that meeting, staff provided an engineering analysis indicating that the traffic volumes and intersection configurations did not warrant crosswalk installations at that time. The HOA then submitted a formal request for the crosswalks to the City Council.

On February 18, 2025, the City Council discussed this item at a work session. At the meeting, City Engineer Fauske provided a memo for the Council to discuss. Based on the engineering analysis, feedback from Public Works and comments from Public Safety, staff does not recommend installing crosswalks at this time.

Mayor Whalen would like to see one crosswalk at Foxglove. Simple and easy fix.

Council Member Reffkin asked what is this fixing and who is to say that we will not have to do this for every resident that requests this.

Mayor Whalen said we are fixing safety concerns of residents.

Council Member Lacy questioned who should be paying for this. If we pay to put it in have the HOA pay to maintain it.

Mayor Whalen said it would cost us more to put in an agreement to maintain.

Jasper stated that it would be \$1000 to put in and \$500 to maintain.

Council Member Reffkin brought up setting a precedent. There is a crosswalk 1 block down.

City Engineer Fauske explained how it is determined when a development goes in where crosswalks are needed.

Council Member Govern said he is for it but would like to see 3 months later for data if more requests come in.

Public Works Director Peters shared that by state standards that a crosswalk does not need to be striped.

Council directed staff to go forward with installing a crosswalk on Foxglove.

b) Water Rate Discussion

City Administrator Kruggel reminded Council that on Monday, April 14, 2025, Minnetrista City Hall will host a Town Hall to discuss the future Water Treatment Plant. He proposed reviewing water rate models and funding mechanisms to prepare for this public discussion.

The City is designing a water treatment plant to remove manganese and iron, ensuring clean, drinkable water for the community. The estimated cost is \$22,000,000 requiring a doubling of water revenue to cover bond payments and future maintenance. He presented 2 options:

- Option 1: Increase Usage Rates
- Option 2: Add a Water Treatment Fee

Council had a discussion about adjusting the rates to accumulate enough revenue to pay for the bond along with all the other water related charges or adjusting the tiered system we currently use or charging a water treatment fee.

There will be a town hall meeting on Monday April 14th to inform residents as to what the options are and give them a chance to voice their opinions.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Lacy seconded by Council Member Reffkin to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.