

**City of Moorhead
Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2012 at 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on June 18, 2012, at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

1st Ward Council Member:	Luther Stueland	Absent
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Mike Hulett	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Steve Gehrtz	Present
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. [Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Flood Risk Management \(Diversion\) Project Discussion - CH2M HILL Presentation](#)

Minutes: Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer, and Martin Nicholson, CH2M HILL, reiterated some of the major points of the Limited Joint Powers Agreement, which outlines the responsibilities of all the jurisdictions involved in the project. The cities of Fargo and Moorhead are the two project sponsors. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was signed in April 2012. The next step is Congressional Authorization and funding.

The budget for the design agreement and limited joint powers agreement is \$1.5M for administration and \$15M for the design. The cost share for Minnesota is ten percent.

The City of Moorhead contribution for future administrative and design costs will be determined as the new federal fiscal year approaches (October 1, 2012). When those documents come forward for Council consideration, the necessary background information will be provided for the Council to make an informed decision.

Nicholson stated that many entities are taking part in the design activities, but they are starting downstream and looking at many ideas including through-town possibilities, effects of in-town levees, and moving the channel alignment.

The next steps include preparing a FY13 work plan, renewing and/or revising the Limited Joint Powers Agreement, and negotiating the next design agreement with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Staff provided the following in response to Council questions:

- A 100-year flood would raise the river level to 31-37 feet; the top level

of protection now is 43 feet.

- There may be some level of special assessments for the project, but the City, Watershed District, and County would all have to agree on a future assessment model.
- The current Limited Joint Powers Agreement budget will end on September 30, 2012. Any new successor agreement or amendment to the existing LJPA will include a clear delineation of costs and payments to be made by each entity/jurisdiction.
- Even with the events of the 2009 flood, the benefits of the Diversion to the City of Moorhead still work out to a 6-10% benefit to the City of Moorhead. Many factors determine what the benefits are to the City and they will likely entail negotiation between all entities.

2. [2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report & Audit Presentation](#)

Minutes: Brian Stavenger, CPA from Eide Bailly, presented highlights of the 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and audit.

Wanda Wagner, Finance Director, explained that the City receives its largest amount of revenue in July through taxes and Local Government Aid (LGA) payments. From January to July, the City typically operates on reserves.

Council Members asked specific questions that will be researched by staff and provided to the Council at a future Committee of the Whole meeting, including:

- Wastewater Treatment facility financial losses
- Forestry collections
- Future land sale proceeds
- Golf and airport payables
- Rental registration reserves
- Various fund balances that cannot be transferred to other funds
- Economic development fund
- Net worth of City
- Federal awards
- Expenditures per capita

3. [City Manager Reports](#)

Minutes: Michael Redlinger, City Manager, provided the following reports:

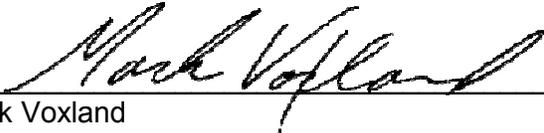
- Staff is considering a new quarterly financial report for Council information.
- An RFP will be prepared by mid-August for updating the City's website.

Mayor Voxland stated there will not be a Council meeting on July 9, 2012.

Discussion will be brought forward at the next Council meeting regarding a possible Town Hall meeting on July 30; it will be contingent on availability of Council Members.

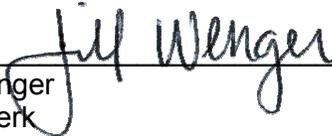
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Mark Voxland
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jill Wenger
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Jahnke, Executive Secretary