

The following actions were taken at the **Oct. 19, 2016**, City of Cottage Grove Council meeting. City Council meetings are broadcast by the South Washington County Cable Commission and are available for online viewing at www.swctc.org.

Eagle Scout Awards for Troop 777

Eagle Scout awards were presented to three Eagle Scouts from Troop 777, Nathan Fischer, Travis Smith, and Steven Zaspel. After receiving a plaque from the Mayor and Council, each shared about their Eagle Scout projects. Fischer built two life-size mangers nativity scenes at Presbyterian Homes in Bloomington. Smith improved Arbor Meadows Park by building two lanes of horseshoes, mentioning that the game is a great way to get outside, have fun and be active. Zaspel's project was at Carpenter Nature Center where invasive species of black walnut and ash trees were taking over the sugar bush area used for tapping maple syrup. He cleared out the invasive species leaving behind only maple and oak trees.

Thrivent Financial Donates \$17,687 Toward Inclusive Playground

The City Council accepted a \$17,687 check from the East Metro Financial Team to be used toward the building of the Inclusive Playground at Woodridge Park. Arlene Myers, Dan Myers and Roland Skillings, from Thrivent, attended the meeting to present the donation. After learning about the Inclusive Playground being built in Cottage Grove, they organized a community walk on Sept. 18 to raise funds for the project. The group told City Council they were very excited to put on this event as the first East Metro Thrivent Financial Team event and hope to do more community events in the future.

With the Thrivent donation, funding for the \$750,000 project is now at 72 percent. The City is extremely thankful to Thrivent for all the work they've done towards making the playground a reality in Cottage Grove.

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Council Heard Bus Rapid Transit Draft Implementation Plan

The City Council heard a presentation from Hally Turner, Washington County, on the final Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Implementation Plan which was released by the Red Rock Corridor Commission. The plan includes two new transit stops in Cottage Grove on East Point Douglas Road near 80th Street and Jamaica Avenue. A future BRT station is also identified in the Langdon neighborhood.

Public Works Authorized to Sell Property on Cranky Ape

The City Council authorized Public Works to advertise and sell surplus property on Cranky Ape. Public Works has one vehicle, a 2006 Dodge Dakota, that has been replaced, is no longer being used and will be sold on Cranky Ape.

Well No. 4 Maintenance Project

City Council awarded a \$31,196 contract to E. H. Renner & Sons, Inc. for the Well No. 4 Maintenance Project. In the 2016 budge, \$70,000 was set aside for the maintenance project on Well No. 4. Two quotes were received for this project with Renner & Sons, Inc. submitting the low quote at \$31,196. This is a base quote and the price could exceed that amount depending on what is discovered once construction begins.

Third Quarter Donations Accepted

Third quarter donations totaling \$15,434 were accepted. Donations for the Inclusive Playground at Woodridge Park totaled \$15,234 (from PJ McMahon Jr., Thrivent Financial event on Sept. 18, Lonnie and Lois Stolte, Gayle and John Brunkow, and Mary Slusser/Spartan Promotional). \$200 was donated for a pet microchip reader from the Cottage Grove Crime Prevention Board.

80th Street Quadrant Project Cost Reduced

City Council approved a Change Order No. 1 in the value of a \$4,974.05 reduction and accepted a \$6,225.95 contribution from WSB, the City's design consultant.

The reduction came about because the City has been working with the design consultant to find ways to reduce the total project costs. A cost savings of \$3,900 is due to a different fabrication process for the decorative metal "James Norris Square" columns. A cost savings of \$3,000 is due to seeding instead of sodding a portion on the Hamlet Park side of the project. Another \$3,200 was saved by modifying the amount of "stand-off" signage on the monument wall. Finally, a cost savings of \$1,100 was due to changing from rock mulch to hardwood mulch in the perennial flower beds. The four items resulted in total reduction of \$11,200 in the construction contract.

This change order included an additional \$6,225.95 for modifications to the bridge fencing, resulting in a total contract net reduction of \$4,974.05. These bridge fencing modifications were the result of design changes, and WSB, the City's design consultant, is reimbursing the City for the additional \$6,225.95. While the bridge fencing addition is included in the contract, the reimbursement will offset this addition and result in a net project cost reduction of \$11,200.

The Eagles Bar and Grill Banner Donation Accepted

City Council accepted the donation of a banner from Hohenstein's Wholesale Beer Company to The Eagles Bar and Grill at River Oaks Golf Course. The value of the banner is \$100.

Furnishings for The Eagles Bar and Grill at River Oaks

The City Council previously reviewed options for physical improvements to The Eagles Bar and Grill and the banquet and events center, suggesting new tables and chairs to maximize seating in the new restaurant area. City Council approved the purchase of the tables and chairs from BizChair.com/Belnick Inc. in the amount of \$4,187.21. Council Member Dennis, acting as General Manager for The Eagles Bar and Grill, approved the style and color of tables.

The Eagles Bar and Grill at River Oaks Advertising Campaign and Media Manager

The Eagles Bar and Grill RiverTown multimedia advertising plan was approved by City Council at a cost of \$1,926. City Council authorized Council Member Dennis, acting as General Manager for The Eagles Bar and Grill, to oversee traditional marketing and electronic media communications for the restaurant.

Public Hearing for the Part 2 Wellhead Protection Plan

A public hearing was held to present the results of the Part 2 Wellhead Protection Plan. Wellhead protection is a means to protect the City's water supply wells from threats of contamination. This is accomplished by identifying the area that supplying water to the wells within a 10-year time frame and determining what contamination threats may exist within this area. The purpose behind the program is to promote best land use practices in an effort to prevent contaminating the aquifer that supplies the City's wells. The City of Cottage Grove completed the Part 1 Wellhead Protection Plan amendment in August 2015. Based on the results of the Part 1 plan, the City hired Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to assist with the completion of the Part 2 Wellhead Protection Plan, which is written to take advantage of available grant money from the Minnesota Department of Health.

After the public hearing was closed, City Council approved the submittal of the Part 2 Wellhead Protection Plan to the Minnesota Department of Health for final review and approval.

Bonds Sold to Pay for Pavement Management Project

City Council approved the General Obligation Improvement Bonds Series 2016B sale to FTN Financial Capital Markets in Memphis, TN, for \$4,275,000. At their Sept. 21 meeting, City Council had called for the sale of the bonds to be issued to finance the 2016 and 2017 Pavement Management projects. Six bids were received. Ehlers, the City's Financial Advising firm, accepted and opened the bids on behalf of the City and presented the results at the Council meeting. The bid results were better than what Ehlers had estimated due to the City's strong financial rating. The bond was reduced from the projected amount of \$4,400,000 due to a reduction in underwriters' discount, less cost of issuance and a premium bid.