

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURORA CITY COUNCIL
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018
5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilors Worshek, Gregor, Cromley, Mayor Lislegard

ABSENT: Councilor Lakso

ALSO PRESENT: Becky Lammi, Aurora City Clerk; Linda Cazin, Aurora Consultant; Wayne Thuringer, Aurora Public Works; Ed Kippley, Craig Anttila, Jodi Knaus, Greg Hinsz, Clark Niemi, Bill Robillard, Town of White; Mike Larson, Miles Jensen, Matt Reid, Kevin, Chad, SEH Engineers

A special joint meeting with the Town of White was called to order by Mayor Lislegard at 5:02 p.m.

Motion by Lislegard, supported by Worshek, to appoint SEH as the City's engineers for the East Mesabi Water Project. MOTION CARRIED.

The City and Town of White would like to hire an independent 3rd party project manager for the East Mesabi Water Project. City of Aurora and Town of White discussed hiring a project manager. Aurora Public Works is in support of a project manager. Town of White Public Works is in support of a project manager. **Motion by Gregor, supported by Worshek, to hire an independent 3rd party project manager. MOTION CARRIED.**

SEH presented an overview of the East Mesabi Water Project.

The City discussed retaining counsel independent of the Town of White. Councilor Gregor, Mayor Lislegard, and Becky met with two firms in the morning, and recommended Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick out of Duluth. The Town of White has retained Mike Couri. There was discussion about rates of pay for the project and possible scope of project. **Motion by Gregor, supported by Worshek to retain Mia with Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick as legal counsel for the East Mesabi Water Project. MOTION CARRIED.**

Ed Kippley, Town of White board member, adjourned the Town of White meeting.

Aurora Public Works recommends the City change lab service providers from PACE to RMB. **Motion by Cromley, supported by Worshek to change lab service provider to RMB. MOTION CARRIED.**

Aurora Public Works requested application for a DIRRR grant for the Cemetery Turn Lane Project. **Motion by Cromley, supported by Worshek to submit application for DIRRR grant for Cemetery Turn Lane Project. MOTION CARRIED.**

NTS presented information about the St. James Pit Study. They have a call with the DNR on 07/20/2018 at 10:00 am and will have additional information afterward.

Moved by Lislegard and supported by Cromley to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

David Lislegard, Mayor

Becky Lammi, City Clerk