Minutes
Woodbury City Council
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Pursuant to the due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting was duly held virtually and at the Woodbury City Hall, 8301 Valley Creek Road, on the 12th day of January 2022.

Call to Order

Mayor Anne Burt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Burt welcomed those listening and attending. She said members of the public may attend the meeting but will be required to comply with social distancing parameters as determined by the City. Members of the public may also join the meeting using a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting both in person and by using the link to the virtual meeting to join the meeting and then submit your questions via the online Q&A feature within the meeting. Questions regarding the meeting will also be taken between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. via email council@woodburymn.gov or call 651-714-3524 and leaving a voicemail message.

Pledge of the Flag

Audience, staff, and Council pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Anne Burt, Councilmembers: Kim Wilson, Andrea Date, Steve Morris, and Jennifer Santini. Absent: None

Others Present: Kimberlee K. Blaeser, City Clerk; Pam Whitmore, City Attorney; Clinton Gridley, City Administrator; Chris Hartzell, Engineering Director; Mike Hejna, Principal Engineer; Eric Searles, Assistant Community Development Director/City Planner.

Special Order of Business

A. Presentation of Community Support Dog from Woodbury Police K9 Fund to City Council

Donna Stafford, representing the Woodbury Police K9 Fund, stated she is here tonight to present the City of Woodbury Public Safety Department with a sixth dog. She added she received a request a few years ago from Commander Jason Posel for consideration of an additional dog for first responders to be used in connection with community outreach and support. She noted Officer Adam Sack will be the dog’s caretaker and handler, supported by a team of co-caretakers.

Ms. Stafford introduced Officer Sack and 10-week old Otis, the newest community service dog. Officer Sack stated Otis has been amazing at interacting with citizens or patrol officers, and he will make a big difference in engaging with the community.

Ms. Stafford stated Otis was named by local students, although she does not have the specific information on that yet.

Commander Posel stated the focus will be to provide a support dog for first responders, and to have Otis available around the office for sensitive cases. He added Otis will have a special function in working with victims, and will be a bridge to building relationships and trust in community engagement, along with the City’s other K9’s. He thanked the community and Woodbury Police K9 Fund for their support.

Councilmember Morris asked whether Otis would receive specialized training. Sergeant Natalie Bower, K9 Program head trainer, stated Otis will receive companion certification training, to be certified as a therapy dog.

Mayor Burt thanked Ms. Stafford for her hard work on behalf of the Woodbury Police K9 Fund, and for sharing her experiences and knowledge. She added she looks forward to seeing more of Otis around the community as he grows.

Open Forum

The Open Forum is a portion of the Council meeting where a maximum of three persons will be allowed to address the Council on subjects, which are not a part of the meeting agenda. Persons wishing to speak must complete a sign-up sheet prior to the start of the meeting. Give the sign-up sheet to any staff person. Speakers are limited to two minutes each. The Council will listen attentively to comments but, in most instances, will not respond at the meeting. Typically, replies to the concerns expressed will be made via letter or phone call within a week.
Consent Agenda

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and an affirmative vote by roll call of a majority of the members present. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember or citizen so requests, in which event, the items will be removed from the consent agenda and considered a separate subject of discussion by the Council.

Councilmember Wilson requested that Item 6G be moved to Discussion Items.

Item A  Approval of Council Minutes – December 8, 2021

Item B  Approval of Council Minutes – December 16, 2021 Special Meeting

Item C  To adopt a motion approving the Manning Meadows House Move Amended Site and Building Plan, Project No. 25-2021-00463; subject to the conditions as outlined in Council Letter 22-01.

1. All conditions from the November 10, 2021 approval, not expressly amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.
2. This approval shall expire on March 15, 2022 unless an extension is granted by the City Council.

Item D  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-01

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota accepting grant funds in the amount of $300,000 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program to the City of Woodbury and approving the appropriate budget adjustment.

Item E  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-02

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota accepting grant funds in the amount of $50,000 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program to the City of Woodbury and approving the appropriate budget adjustment.

Item F  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-03

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing acquisition in the amount of $2,789.24 for easements in Lot 28, Block 11, Woodbury Heights No. 3 from James E. Houska and Lydia M. Houska for the drainage and municipal utility easements and temporary construction easement; and

To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-04

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing acquisition In the amount of $12,265.94 for easements in Lot 35, Block 8, Woodbury Heights No. 3 from Joshua E. Anderson for the drainage and municipal utility easements; and

To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-05

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing acquisition In the amount of $12,589.75 for easements in Lot 27, Block 11, Woodbury Heights No. 3 from Michael W. Breneman and Elizabeth E. Breneman for the permanent drainage and municipal utility easements and temporary construction easement; and

To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-06

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing acquisition In the amount of $5,473.08 for easements in Lot 34, Block 8, Woodbury Heights No. 3 from Miguel Villegas and Amy Villegas for the permanent drainage and municipal utility easements.

Item G  Joint Powers and Construction Cooperation Agreement for Construction of Gold Line BRT Project and concurrent non-project activities requested by City of Woodbury; Approve Agreement. This item was moved to the discussion portion of this meeting.
Item H  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-07

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the agreement with the Washington Conservation District for the East Metro Water Resources Education Program.

Item I  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-08

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota, authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to appropriate funds from the Phase Two – Major Roadway Special Assessment Fund; Trunk Water and Sanitary Sewer Fund; execute an engineering consulting services contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for design and construction administration for the preparation of a preliminary report and preparation of plans and specifications for the Hudson Road Turn Lanes at Karen Drive and Trunk Watermain Improvements.

Item J  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-09

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with South Washington Watershed District for Hassenbank Woods and Fish Lake Vegetation Management and Restoration.

Item K  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-10

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing acceptance of replacement Municipal Well and Well 1 Abandonment Grant from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in the amount of $2,983,000 and approval of budget amendment to the Water and Sewer Utility Fund.

Item L  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-11

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to execute a contract with LimnoTech as the City’s consultant and engineering firm for services associated with Valley Creek streamflow measurement oversight and groundwater monitoring and reporting for the east and south well fields.

Item M  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-12

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the acceptance of the $7,475 donation from the Woodbury Police K9 Fund for the community support dog and amending the 2021 Police Services Division Budget.

Item N  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-13

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota authorizing the acceptance $235 from the family and friends of Rosalie May Wyss Halverson to the City of Woodbury.

Item O  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-14

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the proposed form of amended and restated Joint Cooperative Agreement and authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the Certificate of Approval of Amendments to Joint and Cooperative Agreement.

Item P  To adopt a motion designating CorTrust Bank as the City’s depository of public funds for the year 2022.

Item Q  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-15

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the labor contract between the City of Woodbury and the Woodbury Police Officers Association and authorize required signatures.
Item R  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-16

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the labor contract between the City of Woodbury and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 and authorize required signatures.

Item S  To adopt the following resolution  Resolution 22-17

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota accomplishing the non-disciplinary employment removal of Tim Thurmes as Streets Manager effective January 12, 2022.

Item T  The abstract of bills includes payments made from the operating or project budgets for expenses of the city. The expenditures are from all funds of the city. Any purchased contracts requiring signature of the mayor and City Administrator is hereby approved. Staff recommends approval of the abstract of bills for December 3, 2021 in the amount of $1,219,102.34, December 23, 2021 in the amount of $993,048.88, and December 30, 2021 in the amount of $201,361.71.

Councilmember Date moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini, to approve the Consent Agenda items 6A through 6T with the exception of 6G.

Voting via voice:

- Kim Wilson – aye
- Andrea Date – aye
- Steve Morris – aye
- Jennifer Santini – aye
- Anne Burt – aye

Public Hearings

A.  Wooddale Fun Zone Conditional Use Permit, Project No. 18-2021-00465

Mayor Burt opened the public hearing.

Assistant Community Development Director/City Planner Eric Searles reviewed an application for two new commercial recreation uses at 2122 Wooddale Drive, on property zoned I-1 light industrial. The Wooddale Recreation Center, a 32,000 square foot building constructed in 1972 with indoor tennis courts and a lounge area, was expanded in 1977 to provide additional recreation including Fun Zone, an indoor roller skating rink. The structure was closed in May 2020 and the inactive Conditional Use Permit must be renewed.

Mr. Searles stated the applicant is proposing two new recreational uses in the building: a basketball center, 43 Hoops, with basketball leagues and programs as well as pickle ball courts in the north portion of the building; and a non-profit futsal center, Joy of the People, in the southern portion. The applicant has made cosmetic improvements to the building’s exterior since fall of 2021, and a roof treatment would be required to satisfy the conditions of approval. City Staff’s review of parking requirements provides a recommendation of a minimum ratio of 1 stall per 300 square feet, or 204 parking spaces. The applicant is requesting to restripe the existing parking area to provide 215 spaces and is working with an adjacent office use to secure 40 additional parking spaces. The Planning Commission reviewed the request at their January 10, 2022 meeting, and recommended City Council approval.

Planning Commissioner Ryan Christiansen gave a review of the Planning Commission’s January 10, 2022 meeting, at which 2 new Commissioners were sworn in, and two requests were approved: the Wooddale Fun Zone Conditional Use Permit and a proposal for preliminary plat, site and building plan for a residential development east of Woodbury Drive and south of Dale Road.

Mr. Searles stated City Staff recommends approval of the Fun Zone proposal subject to conditions in the Council letter.

Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to close the public hearing.

Voting in Favor:  Wilson, Date, Morris, Santini, Burt
Absent:  None

Councilmember Date stated the new development will be a big enhancement to the area, especially with the addition of indoor pickle ball. She added the parking lot will be improved, as it has been in rough shape. She noted she is excited about this new use in Woodbury.
Councilmember Morris asked whether there will be pedestrian access to the overflow parking areas. Mr. Searles stated there may be a need for signage or onsite staff. He added City Staff encouraged the cross access parking agreement, and the property to the north is amenable.

Mayor Burt asked when the outdoor soccer fields will be added. Mr. Searles stated that is a future development, which could be implemented later this year, although there are some conditions that City Staff would need to review as part of that implementation.

Mayor Burt asked whether there will be any issues related to stormwater drainage and landscaping. Mr. Searles stated the area is currently hard surface, so the addition of natural turf would be a positive change. He added a synthetic turf would require a staff review.

Councilmember Wilson stated she hopes there will be a good relationship with the business that will be accommodating an overflow parking lot, as tournament parking can be challenging.

Mr. Searles stated City Staff worked with the applicant to understand facility use and peak times. He added it will be beneficial to have the overflow parking area.

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Santini,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-18

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota adopting findings of fact for Project #18-2021-00465 subject to conditions outlined in supplemental Council Letter 22-18.

1. The CUP approval shall expire one year from the date of City Council approval unless a building permit has been requested or a time extension has been granted.
2. This approval does not include signs. A separate sign permit is required for all proposed signage.
3. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, a landscape financial security shall be submitted in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance.
4. No exterior storage shall be permitted.
5. All areas of the site, where practical, shall be sodded and maintained.
6. All ground mounted mechanical equipment shall be hidden from view with materials that match the materials and colors used on the building.
7. Any future trash enclosures shall utilize wooden gates and shall be constructed on three (3) sides using the same materials and patterns used on the building. The location shall be approved by the Planning Division.
8. All light poles, including base, shall be a maximum of 25 feet in height and shall be shoebox style, downward directed, with high-pressure sodium lamps or LED lamps with flush lenses. Other than wash or architectural lighting, attached security lighting shall be shoebox style, downward directed with flush lenses. In addition, any lighting under canopies (i.e., building entries or drive-through) shall be recessed and use a flush lens.
9. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall submit a photometric plan with lumen levels identified throughout the site. The Applicant shall also submit all lighting specifications.
10. The Developer shall be responsible for obtaining any other permits necessary from other agencies, including MnDOT.
11. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, staff shall review and approve the roof treatment including color and treatment of the existing metal.
12. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, staff shall review and approve a landscaping plan that addresses all areas identified within the staff report.
13. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, staff shall review and approve all fencing and netting materials and locations.
14. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall record a cross parking agreement with the property to the north to assist in overflow needs.
15. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall submit all specifications for the outdoor fields. Engineering staff shall review and determine if there is a need for stormwater management. Stormwater management plans must be reviewed and approved prior to the issuance of any permit.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye
B. Vacate Easement within Lot 1, Block 1, Brookview Road School

Mayor Burt declared the public hearing open.

Director of Engineering Chris Hartzell reviewed the proposed vacation of an existing easement for city water main at Brookview Road School. The school facility is expanding over an existing water main on the property, and a new water main has been installed as part of the project. The existing easement is no longer required. The new easement area is being dedicated to the City from Stillwater School District.

Mr. Hartzell stated City Staff recommends City Council approval of the vacation of a public drainage and utility easement at Brookview Road School contingent on Stillwater Area Schools dedication of a new easement to the City of Woodbury.

Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to close the public hearing.

Voting in Favor: Wilson, Date, Morris, Santini, Burt
Absent: None

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Date,

To adopt the following resolution

**Resolution 22-19**

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota adopting the vacation of utility easement within Lot 1 Block 1, Brookview Road School addition as described in the Resolution and contingent on Stillwater Area Schools dedication of a new easement to the City.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – aye
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

C. Lake Road 4-3 Lane Conversion Project; Approve Preliminary Report; Order Project; Authorize Preparation of Plans and Specifications; Authorize Preparation, Acquisition and if Necessary Condemnation of Easements

Mayor Burt declared the public hearing open.

Principal Engineer Mike Hejna reviewed a proposed project to convert Lake Road from 4 lanes to 3 lanes from Highway 494 to Manning Avenue. The project is recommended based on the results of a 2016 traffic study, as well as a survey and proposed design completed in November 2020. Public engagement was undertaken in November 2021.

Mr. Hejna reviewed the project scope, including pavement mill and overlay for the entire stretch of roadway; spot curb replacement; pedestrian ramp replacement; restriping from 4 to 3 lanes; curb cuts for future trails construction; and some crosswalk removals. Intersections will remain as they are today.

Mr. Hejna stated speed limits on Lake Road are consistently higher than the posted speed limit, and the conversion project is an attempt to reduce traffic speeds and increase safety throughout the corridor. The new 3-lane roadway will provide a shoulder for bike traffic, shorter crossings for pedestrians, and a 46% reduction in the crash rate, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Mr. Hejna stated potential drawbacks for the project include a reduction in vehicle capacity. The proposed conversion will accommodate up to 20,000 vehicles per day, and current numbers are approximately 14,000 per day. City Staff is confident that 3 lanes will meet the proposed volume, and overall, the concept is acceptable for the corridor, and capacity issues are not anticipated.

Mr. Hejna stated, with regard to project funding, the City received funding of $1.6 million from a highway safety improvement grant to help fund this project. Other funding sources are Municipal State Aid funding and special assessments. Four parcels owned by Senior Care Woodbury are the only properties that would benefit from this project, and the assessment would be $7,077 based on a calculated amount included in the feasibility report. An assessment hearing would be held prior to the project award.

Mr. Hejna stated City Staff recommends approval of a Resolution ordering the project, approving preliminary reports, authorizing preparation of plans and specifications and acquisition of easements. He encouraged residents to sign up for “In Touch” messaging for project updates.
Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Councilmember Morris, to close the public hearing.

Voting in Favor: Wilson, Date, Morris, Santini, Burt
Absent: None

Councilmember Santini asked whether the proposed roundabout at Pioneer Drive and Lake Road will occur at the same time as this project. Mr. Hejna confirmed this, adding City Staff will coordinate with the contractors. He added it is hoped that the work will be completed while school is out of session.

Councilmember Santini asked whether the roundabout intersection will be closed. Mr. Hejna confirmed this.

Councilmember Wilson asked whether there will be a bike lane, since the 2 driving lanes will be narrower. Mr. Hejna stated there could be a designated bike lane striped in the future, but not as part of this project.

Mr. Hartzell stated there will be a bikeable shoulder although it will not be striped as a bike lane.

Councilmember Wilson asked whether the bike lane could be added with this project. Mr. Hartzell stated the City recently created a bike and pedestrian plan but a standard for bike lanes has not yet been adopted. He stressed the importance of consistent corridors with bike lanes throughout the City.

Councilmember Wilson asked why the sidewalk that is planned for Lake Road between 494 and Woodlane Drive is not included in this project. Mr. Hartzell stated, when the City receives federal awards, a project scope cannot be changed without the need to recalculate funding to receive the grant. He added the project is being divided to ensure consistency with the grant.

Mr. Hartzell stated the federal grant is substantial, which speaks to the value of the project from a safety perspective.

Councilmember Wilson asked whether the speed limit will be changed. Mr. Hejna stated there are no plans to change speed limits.

Mr. Hartzell stated an official speed study has not been conducted, as the result could be an increased speed limit throughout the corridor. He added geometric changes and visual cues will be added to reduce traffic speeds.

Mayor Burt stated the City Clerk Kim Blaeser noted that a comment from the public came through online after the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Blaeser read the following comment: Jackson McGough, 3551 Williamsburg Parkway, stated this project is smart and essential. Lake Road is very stressful to drive, too fast and uncomfortable for all users. These projects have been exceptional at reducing crashes and speeds in cities around the metro area. I am supportive of this project overall, but disappointed by the lack of substantive enhancement in this corridor. There are opportunities for pedestrian crossing islands and bump outs. I hope the City Council will approve the project but ask that the City identify improvements for pedestrians.

Mr. Hartzell stated City Staff are reviewing potential pedestrian enhancements and conducting analysis at each intersection. He added every effort will be made to improve pedestrian safety and movement, as this is an important pedestrian corridor.

Mr. Hejna stated the rapid flashing beacons at Wyndham Way will remain, and bump outs are being considered to reduce crossing distance. He added a future trail project is being considered to allow pedestrian crossings at signaled intersections rather than mid-block crossings and would include a trail on both side of Lake Road.

Mayor Burt asked whether existing crosswalks will be removed. Mr. Hejna stated two crosswalks will be removed that do not have much pedestrian traffic. He added there will be some gaps for about a year until the new trail along the south side of Lake Road is constructed, to funnel pedestrians to the rapid flashing beacon at Wyndham Way.

Mayor Burt asked when improvements are planned for the section east of the new roundabout. Mr. Hejna stated all of Lake Road west of Woodlane Drive will be converted to 3 lanes in 2023.

Councilmember Santini moved, seconded by Councilmember Date,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-20

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving preliminary report ordering the project, authorizing preparation of plans and specifications and authorizing preparation, acquisition and if necessary condemnation of easements for the Lake Road 4-to-3 Lane Conversion Project.

Voting via voice:
Discussion

A. Consent Agenda Item 6G

Councilmember Wilson stated she pulled this item from the Consent Agenda as she plans to vote differently.

Councilmember Morris stated he supports working with other groups to provide funding for projects when it saves the City money.

Councilmember Morris moved, seconded by Councilmember Date,

To adopt the following resolution

Resolution 22-21

Resolution of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota approving the Joint Powers and Construction Cooperation Agreement for Construction of Gold Line BRT Project and Concurrent Non-Project Activities Requested between the City of Woodbury and Metropolitan Council for Construction of City requested watermain replacement, pavement rehabilitation, multi-use trail and enhanced landscaping and lighting projects constructed in coordination with the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Discussion during the motion: Councilmember Wilson stated she loves doing projects that save the City money too, but she is not a fan of this project in general. Councilmember Morris stated he understands Councilmember Wilson's point, but that is not what this vote is for.

Voting via voice:

Kim Wilson – nay
Andrea Date – aye
Steve Morris – aye
Jennifer Santini – aye
Anne Burt – aye

City Administrator’s Report

City Administrator Clinton Gridley stated a community survey will go out January 11, 2022 to 4,200 randomly selected residents, who will receive a postcard invitation to complete the 2022 survey. Follow-up invitations will be sent the following week to arrive on January 18 or 25, 2022, and some households will receive a paper survey, while others will receive a link to complete the survey online. Residents have until February 25, 2022 to complete the survey.

Mr. Gridley stated residents not randomly selected will have the opportunity to complete the Open Participation survey which will be available February 15-24, 2022. Final survey results will be shared with City Council and community in the spring.

Mr. Gridley provided an update on the City’s households and population, with projections for 2023 exceeding 30,000 households, and a population of over 80,000. The City continues to grow in terms of construction activity, with 926 new residential housing units built in 2021.

Mr. Gridley stated, in terms of other projects, the City has welcomed partnership opportunities with the Watershed District, to make improvements to several areas.

Mr. Gridley stated the City received the Silver SolSmart designation from the U.S. Department of Energy for the advancement of solar energy.

Mr. Gridley stated the City's social media outlets have been an area of focus for the City Council, who have requested that City Staff be more aggressive in pursuing social media coverage. He added the City’s partnership with the Telecommunications Commission has been important as well.

Mr. Gridley stated it was great to see the U.S. Olympic Curling Team, who recently stopped by the Health East Sports Center. He added the City’s skating rinks are open for skaters. He thanked Councilmembers who helped ring in the New Year.
Mr. Gridley stated Public Safety Director and Police Chief Lee Vague was honored as Public Safety Worker of the Year by the Woodbury Area Chamber of Commerce. He added Chief Vague will receive the award later this month.

Mr. Gridley reviewed the Department of Health’s continuing efforts to test the City’s water wells for evidence of the chemical substance PFAS. Today the City received information related to health advisory levels of PFAS in water production well #3. The City has already removed that well from service in anticipation of this information. Woodbury’s drinking water continues to meet State and federal guidelines for PFAS. Of Woodbury’s 19 municipal wells, water from eight wells, based on the most current data, have now received detection levels of PFAS that on repeatable occasions exceed one or more thresholds established by the Department of Health. All eight wells were removed from service. Four of these wells were returned to service in June 2020 after treatment by the temporary water treatment plant to maintain water supply levels. PFAS levels in additional city wells may be trending toward receipt of health advisories from the Department of Health.

The City of Woodbury will continue to work with the Department of Health to monitor, assess and sample water for PFAS. If the Department of Health issues advisories on additional wells, the city will immediately remove the well from service for treatment and the public will be informed. The City continues to implement solutions to ensure the water system is able to meet the demand on peak use days during upcoming summer 2022 with four of its 19 wells out of service. The temporary water treatment plant capacity is being expanded to bring the additional PFAS impacted well back into service as needed until the long-term drinking water treatment facility is fully operational in 5 or more years. A new well currently under construction will replace a well that was permanently removed from service due to PFAS.

Mr. Gridley stated, in summary, The City has removed well #3 from service; the City’s water supply continues to meet Department of Health standards; and the City will continue to implement solutions to ensure that the City’s peak demands for water are met. He added an “In Touch” notification will be issued to residents tomorrow to provide them with this information.

Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Gridley stated the City Council’s upcoming workshop will include a joint training with the Planning Commission, featuring a presentation from Bloomington’s Gene Winstead, as well as a legal training session with Kennedy & Graven’s David Anderson.

Mr. Gridley stated City Staff will provide an update on the City’s Environmental Stewardship Program, including a review of 20 years of environmental stewardship.

Mayor Burt asked whether the Parks & Natural Resources Commission will receive that update as well. Mr. Gridley stated the Commission will review that information separately, along with their recommendations for the climate resiliency plan.

Mr. Gridley stated the City Council will be asked to discuss the Roadway and Trail Policy project parameters. Four different options will be presented for City Council consideration.

Mr. Gridley reviewed the following upcoming meetings:
- Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on January 18, 2022
- City Council workshop on Wednesday, January 19, 2022
- Economic Development Commission meeting on January 25, 2022
- Economic Development Authority meeting on January 26, 2022
- City Council meeting on January 26, 2022, at which the City Council will review a Planned Unit Development proposal and the second amendment to the Housing Program Action Plan.
- City Council Advisory Commissions Kick-off Event will be held on January 27, 2022 at Ash North and South Conference rooms, both in person and virtually.

Adjournment

Mayor Burt moved, seconded by Councilmember Date, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Voting in Favor: Wilson, Date, Morris, Santini, Burt
Absent: None

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee K. Blaeser, City Clerk

Approved by the Woodbury City Council on January 26, 2022