Kensington City Council Special Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

Members Present: Jim Schecker, John Gran, Joe Miles, Brock Green and Emmy Maheux

Members Absent:

Guests: Nathan Feist, Brian Bollig, Laura Ostlie, and Sharon Stevens

A special meeting for the Kensington City Council was held February 27, 2023, at 6:08 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center Council room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion (Miles/Gran) to approve the agenda. MCU**

Nathan Feist, Brian Bollig, and Laura Ostlie were present with Bollig Engineering to discuss the Cities Green Acres Project.

MNDOT needs to be brought to the table and have them be part of the solution to gain access to State Highway 55. It will probably require several meetings with MNDOT to get this accomplished, which Bollig will handle.

Laua Ostlie discussed potential financing for the project. For the commercial parcels a DEED Grant might be a possibility, this grant requires a 50% grant match. The 50% match can either be contributed by the city or fulfilled by using other grant funds depending on how those grants are funded. This grant may be able to assist the city with the infrastructure costs for the commercial properties. Rural Development is another option for funding, if the city has commitments to certain lots, RD can potentially put in the infrastructure to those lots. RD will not just fund an open development without having those commitments. The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) is another potential funding source and a TIF district could also be created to help the city recoup some of their infrastructure expenses. The plat needs to be finalized and the utilities need to be layout out in order to obtain grant funding. Bollig will also submit for some Congressionally Directed Spending funds available through Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar. The Farwell Kensington Sanitary District may need to be listed on some of the grant applications as they own the water and sewer infrastructure. With the debt the Sanitary District already has, this may give us the potential for greater grant funds.

Brian Bollig presented a Task Order for the Council to review. This task order would provide the city with the preparation of the plat (Concept revisions, Preliminary and Final Platting) at a lump sum cost of $16,000.00, preliminary design of water, sewer, & storm sewer utilities at a lump sum cost of $15,000.00, and pursuit of leveraged funding and marketing assistance based on an hourly cost with an estimate of $65,000.00.

**Motion (Gran/Miles) to approve Bollig Engineering, Inc. Task Order No # 1 to proceed with the planning and funding of Green Acres. MCU**

**Motion (Gran/Miles) to approve the agreement between the owner and engineer for professional service via task order for Bollig Engineering. MCU**

**Motion (Gran/Green) to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. MCU**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7 pm.

Jennifer Kangas, City Clerk