

COUNCIL'S CORNER



May 3, 2021: City Council Actions & City Updates

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2021 Local Street and Utility Improvement Projects

The City Council accepted bids, awarded contract, and called for assessment hearing for the 2021 Local Street Improvement Project (SIP.) At the special City Council meeting held on March 25, 2021, the City rejected the initial bids for the 2021 SIP due to excessive costs and authorized separating the entire project into two separate projects. The first project includes the same scope of street improvement components, and the second project includes the sanitary and utility components. The bid opening for both projects was held on April 28, 2021.

The City received five bids for the street improvement project and recommended the contract be awarded to Valley Paving Inc. of Shakopee. The Council accepted the bids and awarded the base and alternate bid to Valley Paving Inc.

The City received three bids for the utility improvements project and recommended the contract be awarded to R&R Excavating of Hutchinson. The Council accepted the bids and awarded the base bid to R&R Excavating.

To stay updated on these projects, please visit the [City's website](#) or sign up for email alerts by [clicking here!](#)

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character, while effectively managing growth.

Join our community-wide special Clean Up Day on May 8, 2021 from 8:00AM-3:00PM! See more information [here](#).

Well #2A Rehabilitation

It has been 11 years since Well 2A was installed and staff has identified this well for rehabilitation in 2021. Typically, wells are rehabilitated every seven to eight years to ensure they remain reliable. City engineers propose preparing bid documents for the project, perform bidding services, and construction phase services for this project.

The City Council approved a professional services agreement for design and bidding services for the Well No. 2 Rehabilitation project.

Visit the City's website for more information: www.cityofminnetrista.com

Amend City Code Regarding Solar Systems

The City Council adopted Ordinance 463 regarding Solar Energy Systems and authorized publication of this ordinance.

Ordinance 463 was prepared in an attempt to clarify the ambiguities raised by a review and site plan application submitted in late 2020. Following the application for a ground mounted solar system, the Council determined it was in the best interest of the City to place a moratorium on ground-mounted solar energy systems within the Agriculture Preservation zoning district. This moratorium allowed sufficient time for the City to study the issue and adopt appropriate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

City staff drafted an amended ordinance, which can be viewed [here](#). This ordinance was initially presented to the Council on March 15, 2021, and a public hearing was held at the Planning Commission Meeting on April 26, 2021. Following discussion and public input, the Planning Commission recommended the Council adopt the amended ordinance. The Council voted to adopt the Ordinance 463 as drafted.

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Mayor's Message

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