

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2, 2014

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in special session on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Centennial Building.

Members present: Mayor Mark Hanus; Councilmembers Kelli Gillispie, Ray Salazar, Mark Wegscheid and Heidi Gesch

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Public Works Director Carlton Moore, Public Works Superintendent Ray Hanson, Metropolitan Council Member Jennifer Munt, Met Council Assistant Manager of Engineering Services Kyle Colvin, Unit Manager of Interceptor Services Tom Keegan, Unit Manager of Interceptor Services Bill Moller.

1. Open Meeting

Mayor Hanus called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to identify sources and solutions to problems that result in sewer backups into structures in Mound.

2. Introductions

Mound council and staff and Metropolitan Council member and staff introduced themselves. Mayor Hanus said the workshop setting will not allow for public comment and that could be provided for in a future meeting as needed.

3. System flow response & operational activities during and after the storms.

Mayor Hanus began the meeting by outlining the issue from the point of view of the City of Mound. Metropolitan Council member Jennifer Munt stated that the Council is interested in cooperating on identifying ways to prevent future incidents.

Discussion centered on efforts by both the City and the Metropolitan Council to reduce and prevent storm water from entering the sanitary sewer system, overloading it, and causing backups.

4. Proposed regional improvements.

Metropolitan Council representatives described the council's system for metering inflows and indicated that the city has indeed reduced flows over the past decade. He congratulated the city on the success of its efforts.

The Metropolitan Council indicated a large inflow for the June 1 incident and surmised that it came from private sources – illegal connections and poorly maintained private connections to the public systems.

Representatives of Metro Cities were present. They indicated that there are now some state funds available to help address private service infiltration problems but it is not enough to pay for the complete program. Metropolitan Council Member Munt indicated that the council may be able to seek additional funds from the State of Minnesota to address private service issues.

5. Proposed City improvements.

City Manager Kandis Hanson described the City's efforts over recent years to upgrade lift stations, re-line sewer pipes, and inspect homes for illegal storm sewer connections.

Public Works Director Carlton Moore presented an overview of the Mound Sewer System and how it connects with the Metropolitan Council Interceptor Service. He outlined in detail the City's multimillion dollar efforts to prevent storm water infiltration into the sewer system.

6. Follow-up tasks and wrap-up.

At the request of Mayor Hanus, the Metropolitan Council committed to televise their pipes in Mound within the next few weeks. This will provide more information about problems and how they can be resolved.

The meeting participants then brainstormed about possible solutions and next steps.

City Staff and Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Staff agreed to schedule a meeting to continue the discussion in terms of engineering and to report on activity. That meeting will take place during the week of July 21.

7. Adjourn

MOTION by Gillispie, seconded by Gesch, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk



Mayor Mark Hanus