

SPECIAL MEETING
DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
September 6, 2023

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on September 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM with the following present: Council members Dustin McCune, Bret Jensen, Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Shon Asleson, Pam Spader, Mayor Gary Wolkow, Finance Officer Tracey Larson, and City Attorney Todd Wilkinson. Absent: none.

Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting was started with the council and those from the public reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2ND STREET WATER PROJECT: Mayor Wolkow thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced Shane Waterman, Engineer for IMEG. Engineer Waterman explained the plan to replace the water main along 2nd Street from Prairie Avenue to Hwy 25. Replacement of the watermains will improve the infrastructure and improve water quality. The water project will also include looking at the service line materials, and replacing the curb and gutter. The boulevard will be graded to make the curb line consistent with other curb lines. Impact to trees will be kept to the least amount of impact as possible. Replacement and installation of sidewalks was also discussed. Sidewalk pieces impacted by the project will be replaced. Waterman also discussed mail services, and water service during the project. Drainage will change some to improve current drainage, and concrete gullies will be used where needed. Waterman presented estimated costs to replace the curb and gutters, and sidewalks. Estimated costs will also be available at City Hall for property owners.

Attorney Wilkinson then explained the special assessment process. Special assessments for curb and gutters, and sidewalks is assessed to the property usually for five (5) to seven (7) years with interest fees added. Special assessments can be paid off early or in one lump payment. The special assessment would be submitted to Kingsbury County and then added to the property owner's property tax bill.

Questions and comments from those attending the meeting were discussed. Waterman discussed the timetable of events for the project. After a final review, the project plan will be submitted to SD DANR for approval in September. Approval of the plans are anticipated to be received by the end of October. The bid process will be competed with the actual project construction to start in 2024.

Another meeting with the property owners will be planned in approximately one month to get input on sidewalks along the project.

ADJOURN: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Spader, seconded by Jensen, all voting aye, motion carried.

Gary Wolkow, Mayor

Tracey Larson, Finance Officer