

BAXTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Work Session
May 2, 2017

Mayor Darrel Olson called the Work Session to order at 6:45 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Darrel Olson, Council Members Quinn Nystrom, Steve Barrows, Todd Holman, and Mark Cross.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Bradley Chapulis, Community Development Director Josh Doty, Police Chief Jim Exsted, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Steele, Public Works Director Trevor Walter, and Finance Director Jeremy Vacinek.

LCCMR GRANT FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER OVERLOOK PARK AREA

Community Development Director Doty informed the City Council that staff has been working on the related the LCCMR grant application that was authorized by City Council on February 7, 2017.

Mr. Doty explained the important part of the grant is the partnerships that go along with the grant submittal. These partnerships include Camp Ripley, Potlatch Corporation and ISD 181. Camp Ripley's partnership is a key partnership for the City since the goals of their ACUB program align with the City's proposed plan. Camp Ripley has identified a commitment with the Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program for acquisition funding.

Staff is currently working with ISD No. 181 for a letter of support as this is a valuable educational component for the grant. Potlatch Corporation has already submitted their letter of support as their property is to the west of the City's proposed plan.

Mr. Doty reviewed the property area, the benefits of the purposed plan and possible future trail improvements. Mr. Doty stated the regular agenda contains Resolution 2017-039 Authorizing Submittal of the LCCMR, Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Natural Resources Grant for the Mississippi River Overlook Park area and Agreeing to Ownership and Maintenance if the council committed to move forward with the grant application.

Mayor Olson felt the submittal was very well prepared and the City should consider the property will be removed from the tax rolls. Council Member Nystrom stated the Parks Commission has discussed the grant application for the Mississippi River Overlook Park several times and is fully behind submittal of the application.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Council Member Cross, seconded by Council Member Barrows to adjourn to the regular council meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by:

Darrel Olson
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Haugen
Administrative Assistant