

**City of Loretto**  
**Minutes of Special City Council Meeting**  
**279 N. Medina Street, Council Chambers**  
**February 22, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Koch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Kent Koch, Council Members Brenda Daniels, Melissa Markham, John Neumann and Brian Sevigny.

Also present: Wenck Engineer Peter Daniels, Public Works Director Jeff Leuer, City Clerk Treasurer Mary Schneider.

There were no people in the audience.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. WASTEWATER FACILITIES PLAN**

Wenck Engineer Peter Daniels presented a Wastewater Project Update PowerPoint in which two alternatives for connecting the City's wastewater system to the MCES system were explored. Alternative 1, connecting to the Independence Forcemain, has an estimated cost to the City of \$1,430,000. Alternative 2, connecting to the Medina Lift Station, has an estimated cost to the City of \$1,820,000. Neither of these estimates includes the cost of engineering incurred prior to this point, nor potential costs for easements/land acquisition related to the project. Daniels stated Alternative 1 is the recommended alternative to move forward due to the lower cost.

Regarding funding, Daniels stated the plan is to pursue grant funding through the Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) program. It is anticipated that the PSIG grant will cover eighty percent of the project costs. Daniels stated it is anticipated that the remaining twenty percent would be funded through municipal bonds, private loan or a loan through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA). Clerk Treasurer Schneider noted the City's water booster station loan is through the MPFA. Mayor Koch stated he could reach out to state representatives and ask if there is a way the City could receive assistance through the state bonding bill. Council consensus was in favor of Koch taking this action.

Summary of Council discussion: With Alternative 1, the Met Council will reimburse Independence yearly for the maintenance of their pipe; Independence wants to be reimbursed for their costs associated with Loretto hooking up to their line; operation and maintenance costs will go down by about \$10,000 once connected to MCES; MCES annual fees estimated at \$29,000.

Daniels stated the Met Council requires formal notice that the City intends to connect to MCES, possibly through the Comprehensive Plan Update. Schneider noted the City is not at the point in which its 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update can be submitted to the Met Council. Daniels stated he will contact the Met Council to find out what exactly is needed and will get that information to Schneider to be included in the March 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for approval.

On a motion by Sevigny, seconded by Markham, to approve Resolution 2018-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LORETTO APPROVING THE LORETTO WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION ENGINEERING REPORT AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. ADJOURN**

On a motion by Neumann, seconded by Markham, to adjourn at 5:39 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

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Mary K. Schneider, City Clerk Treasurer

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Kent Koch, Mayor