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**EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING  
BETHANY CITY COUNCIL  
BETHANY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY**

**BETHANY CITY HALL**

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeff Knapp Chris Powell Jeff Knapp Marilyn McPhail Kathy Larsen Ken Smart Peter Plank Steve Palmer	Vice- Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Nikki Lloyd Brian Magirowsky	Mayor Council Member
OTHERS PRESENT:	Elizabeth Gray Ray Jones Michael Vaughn Lesa LaMar Joe Davis (See Roster)	City Manager City Attorney City Clerk/Treasurer Deputy City Clerk TEIM Design Engineer

Vice-Mayor Knapp called the Bethany City Council and Bethany Public Works Authority meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**ITEM NO. 1** on the agenda was **PRESENTATION BY TEIM DESIGN REGARDING EMERGENCY WATER REPAIR ON NW 23RD AND COUNCIL ROAD DUE TO A LINE COLLAPSE AND DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL. (ELIZABETH GRAY, CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Gray reported that City of Bethany staff identified a possible water-line break due to significant reductions in water tower elevations on Sunday morning, July 10th, 2023. Matthews Trenching uncovered a collapsed waterline and a large cavern.

See photos and report from the City Manager and Joe Davis with TEIM Design attached to the agenda. The repairs to the waterline were done under the spending authority for the City Manager at just under 30,000.00. Engineer Davis stated that the collapse of the waterline did not cause the cavern. The cavern has been going on for many years due to the stormwater drainage pipe which allowed water to come into the area, eroding the soil, and then the line broke. The cavern is what caused the waterline collapse.

Engineer Davis and his team will be looking for additional voids in the area. They will begin Geotech testing that will identify voids on top existing pipes. Recommendations for staff to do additional testing at other locations.

**ITEM NO. 2** on the agenda was **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO RATIFY EXPENSES FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS DUE TO WATER LINE COLLAPSE AT NW 23RD STREET AND N. COUNCIL ROAD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00, WHICH IS THE CITY MANAGER'S EMERGENCY SPENDING LIMIT. (ELIZABETH GRAY, CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Gray reported the amount for the repair of the water line is \$28,763.52. This project was funded from the waterline maintenance fund account.

A motion was made by Council Member Plank, seconded by Council Member Larsen to approve expenses for emergency repairs due to the water line collapse at NW 23rd St. and N. Council Rd. for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 which is the City Manager's emergency spending limit. Yes votes: Knapp, Powell, Larsen, Plank, McPhail, Smart, Palmer. No votes: None. Motion approved.

**ITEM NO. 3** on the agenda was **PRESENTATION BY TEAM DESIGN TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION FOR EMERGENCY OPTIONS TO EVALUATE, REPAIR AND REPLACE DRAINAGE STRUCTURE AND INTERSECTION AT NW 23RD STREET AND COUNCIL ROAD WITH ESTIMATED COSTS BETWEEN \$250,000-\$550,000. (ELIZABETH GRAY, CITY MANAGER)**

Engineer Davis presented 2 options for repair. The first option was if the improvements stopped at the center line and the second option is if the improvement was extended all the way to the junction box that's west of the center line. The boundary to the west is Oklahoma City and to the east is Bethany. The City of Bethany takes care of repair to the center line on the east side and OKC takes care of repair from the center line to the west. We talked about coordinating our repair with OKC. Option 1 is the City of Bethany's cost of \$235,705.00.

Council Member Palmer recommends an ordinance be drawn up that the \$3.00 collected on each bill for stormwater drainage allocated in its own fund specifically for

stormwater drainage. Finance Director Vaughn reported the amount collected for stormwater drainage each year to be approximately \$300,000. Council Member Palmer would also like to see an accounting of time and money spent on stormwater drainage monthly reported within the next 30 days.

City Manager Gray will present money spent on stormwater drainage and other municipalities charges on stormwater drainage at a very near meeting and Attorney Jones will be preparing an ordinance to be presented at the same time.

Council Member Plank would like to know if other cities have a separate fund for the stormwater fees that are charged.

City Manager Gray reports that staff recommends using the stabilization fund to repair the drainage system, faults, and reconstruction of the intersection. The projected balance in the stabilization fund is 2.1 million. 1.5 million is being used as a grant match.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Knapp, seconded by Council Member Powell to declare an emergency. Yes votes: Powell, Smart, Knapp, Plank, Larsen, Palmer, McPhail. No votes: None. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Council Member Smart, seconded by Council Member Plank to approve funding the repair from the stabilization reserve fund on Option #1 which is the engineer's opinion cost of \$235,705.00. Yes votes: Smart, Powell, McPhail, Plank, Knapp, Palmer. No votes: Larsen. There were 6 yes votes with the motion approved.

Vice-Mayor Knapp adjourned the Bethany City Council meeting at 5:00 P.M.

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