

Commissioners:  
Steve Schmidt, President  
Mike Wallerich, Larry Hanson, Steve Nelson, Lynn Schoen  
Staff Present:  
Dave Vosen, Utilities Superintendent  
Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant

### **Proceedings of the Utilities Commission**

A Special Meeting of the Utilities Commission of the City of Wabasha was held on Thursday, January 17, 2013, for the sole purpose to discuss Plans and Specs for Hiawatha Drive Underground Utilities.

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Steve Schmidt at 4:03 pm.

Roll call found Commissioners Schmidt, Wallerich, and Nelson present. Commissioners Schoen and Nelson were absent.

Utilities Superintendent Dave Vosen stated that Wabasha County Highway Department has decided to extend their CSAH 30 road project to include that part of Highway 30 by Eagle Valley Café and would like the commission to consider replacing the water main that is under the highway. Dave Vosen provided a project estimate from city engineer MSA Professional Services of approximately \$308,000. (attachment A). Dave Vosen also stated that if approved by the commission, the plans and specs would be forwarded to the city council at their next meeting for review and approval.

Commissioners discussed the project request. Discussion included:

- Project costs
- Age of water main
- How to pay for the project
- Assessments to property owners

After all discussion commission members Hanson and Schmidt moved to approve to move forward with plans and specs for replacing underground water main utilities on Hiawatha Drive. Adopted unanimously.

Commission members also requested staff ask city auditors if it is possible for the water department to establish a loan from the sewer department and for the loan to be paid back over a period of 10 years from the fund established with the \$4.00 base rate.

**Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant