Breezy Point City Council November 16, 2023 – 3:30 pm City Council Workshop Minutes

A workshop of the Breezy Point City Council began at 3:32pm. Councilmembers present were Rebecca Ball, Steve Jensen, and Brad Scott as well as City Administrator David Chanski, Assistant City Administrator Daniel Eick, Police Chief Brian Sandell, and Finance Specialist Janette Rust. Mayor Zierden was absent, and Councilmember Moroni arrived at 5:09pm. The purpose of the workshop was to receive a demo of the Questica budget & transparency software the City Council approved on November 6, review the proposed final 2024 budget and levy, and receive information regarding Crow Wing County's proposed Transportation Alternatives grant application for a trail along CSAH 11.

Trish Kendall and Lana Whittaker first provided a thorough walkthrough of the capabilities of the Questica software.

Following the Questica presentation, City Administrator Chanski walked the members present through the draft final 2024 budget and levy. The proposed final levy is \$13,404 lower than the preliminary levy.

Finally, Matt Kallroos with the Crow Wing County Highway Department and Tad Erickson with the Region 5 Development Commission walked the members present though the CSAH 11 trail concept and the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program process. Crow Wing County intends to apply for the maximum grant amount of \$800,000. While Crow Wing County would be the project sponsor when it comes to the TA grant, the City of Breezy Point would be responsible for the 20% local match required by the grant as well as for all other costs related to the design and construction of the proposed trail above any awarded grant amount. City of Breezy Point would also be the owner of the trail should it be constructed.

To submit the grant, Crow Wing County is requesting that the City Council adopted the attached resolution of support, which will come before the City Council on December 4. The City Council did request that staff look into information regarding when match funding is required to be obligated, winter maintenance expectations, estimated maintenance costs, and whether the trail would have to allow motorized vehicles (especially in the winter).

The workshop was adjourned at 5:26pm.

David Chanski, City Administrator/Clerk