

City of Cleveland
Minutes
City Project Workshop
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
205 4th Street, Cleveland, MN 56017

The city project workshop was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe. Council Members present: Tonya Schummer, Nancy Gens, Anne Hiller, and Sarah McCabe. City Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Charles Hodge and Public Works Director Casey Volk. Also present was City Engineer Adam Jacobs (Bolton & Menk), County Engineer Dave Tiegs, and Jessica Green from Northland Securities.

City Engineer Adam Jacobs reviewed proposed street improvement projects and wanted to see if Council would like to change anything before presenting the project in a future open house/public hearing.

For **Columbia Street (Tenth Street to Seventh Street)**, the County will replace the street surface and the City will replace aging underground infrastructure dating back to the 1960s. The proposed plans include sidewalks on both sides. Council discussed one-sided versus two-sided sidewalk installation and agreed sidewalks are necessary due to school pedestrian traffic. Although not on the agenda, the Mayor invited comments from residents in attendance, and those present supported installing sidewalks. County Engineer Dave Tiegs stated the County would pay for the sidewalks. The project is anticipated to begin after school recesses for the summer and last approximately eleven (11) weeks.

For **Washington Street (Fifth Street to Sixth Street)**, the project includes widening the roadway to 30 feet and replacing the sewer line running to Cherry Creek Park.

The County will also complete mill and overlay work on Columbia, Sixth, and Broadway Streets. A bump-out will be constructed on Broadway near Jocko's and Hometown Bank to improve ADA compliance.

Jessica Green presented a preliminary tax impact analysis for financing the proposed project in the amount of \$639,175, outlining options for both a 20-year and 30-year bond term. She also reviewed considerations for the City's water and sewer funds, noting those funds must remain self-sufficient. Jessica recommended that the street portion of the bond not exceed a 20-year term.

It was noted that final numbers would be available once project bids are received. Mr. Tiegs indicated the County may not approve bids until late April.

A Motion was made by Gens and second by S. McCabe to adjourn the Bond Workshop at 7:01 p.m.

Charles Hodge, City Clerk-Treasurer

__NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED DUE TO BEING A WORKSHOP – NO VOTING CAN TAKE PLACE__

Don McCabe, Mayor