

**NEW YORK MILLS CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
February 11, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The public hearing of the New York Mills City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building at 28 Centennial 84 Dr., New York Mills, Minnesota, all members of the Council having been notified of the Public Hearing and the business to be transacted.

Members Present: Gerber, Maki, Roder, Schik, and Hoaby

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: D. Berry, J. Geiser, R. Salo, J. Van Schaick

Guests Present: Connie Vandermay of NYM Dispatch, Jade Berube of Apex Engineering

**Call to Order** The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Mayor Gerber noted that it was time for the Public Hearing to convene. She introduced Apex Engineer Jade Berube and invited him to share his presentation.

Berube noted that the plan as presented excludes Miller Street. The focus is on those areas that involve water and sewer rehab, as those are the parts that are eligible for PFA funding. The issues on Miller Street involve neither water nor sewer. We are looking at areas along Gilman, Nowell, Main, Cornwell, and also the downtown alleys. Last month the council got to view some of the sewer televising the City had done. These pictures showed many problems in our sewer lines in these project areas. There have been recent problems along North Main with water lines also. In some of the areas the streets themselves are not that bad, but the underground utilities are in poor shape. Berube noted that on Gilman, eastward from Broadway, the project area would run for about 150 feet to about Smith Avenue. They will replace some of case iron lines. Some of the lines in the area are PVC already. West of Broadway all the lines are cast. All cast iron will be replaced with PVC. In some areas it may be possible to just line the existing lines, possibly in the alleys. There is short one block stretch of Nowell, between Walker and Main, that would only involve a sewer line. On Cornwell, the ages of the lines dates back to 1962. These are the newest lines in the project area, being about 52 years old now. This area would include new water and sewer lines as well as the street itself.

Berube stated that the presentation is based on a “worst case scenario” and the City could scale things back. The approach will be good for getting feedback on the funding package available from PFA. He explained the funding process.

Council Member Schik asked whether any area(s) would not be assessed. All will get assessed, although the alley frontage is not addressed by our Special Assessment Policy and may not get assessed but would become part of the City’s share. Also, there is some area along Cornwell that is township. The Township could be approached about some cost sharing for the street only. Some other issues with parcels either in the township or not clearly defined as to ownership were discussed briefly.

Approved Minutes  
3/11/2014

Mayor Gerber thanked Berube for the presentation, and after hearing no further comments or questions she closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Darla Berry  
City Clerk