

**Carlton City Council**  
**ASSESSMENT HEARING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday July 27, 2015**

**1.00 Call to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Bureau called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. The location of this meeting was at the Thomson Community Center.

**Council Present:** Mayor Bureau, Councilmembers Rodd, O' Brien, Gustafson

**Council Absent:** W Vork

**Others Present:** PW Wolf; Deputy Clerk Conway; Brian Miller, MSA; City Attorney Bill Helwig; Residents: Ken and Bethany Leseman ,Sue Frank, Steve Schmidt, Jane Holmes, Liz Beck, Duane Sarkkele

**The purpose of this meeting was to approve the assessment roll for the School Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project.**

Attorney Helwig read the assessment hearing notice to the public present and then the meeting was open to public comment.

**Public Comment:** Liz Beck questioned how the project could have started without the assessment agreements. Mayor Bureau explained the School District signed the assessment agreement and that was a big portion of the assessment. Representatives from Bethesda Lutheran Church did not feel the assessment portion for the church was fair since 90% of the traffic on the road would be from the school. They also were concerned about the run off from the road going into the church basement. PW Superintendent D. Wolf explained the road grade should be the same height as it is now and should not cause additional water problems. All water should run north and drain into the storm sewer. Bethesda representatives also questioned the assessment on 5<sup>th</sup> street as sewer and water would not be installed on that street. Attorney Helwig explained the assessment on that street is much smaller. B. Miller explained the assessment is based on the work being done. S. Schmidt was unhappy with what he felt was lack of communication about the approval of the project. PW Superintendent D. Wolf stated he put a note in every homeowner's door that the project had been approved. Mr. Schmidt indicated he received the letter but it did not indicate the start date. The residents wanted to know if damaged driveways would be repaired. PW Superintendent D. Wolf said any damaged caused by the abandoning of the sewer line would be repaired.

6:20 pm Councilor O'Brien left the meeting.

An Amended copy of the assessment agreement was presented to the representatives of Bethesda Lutheran Church.

6:22pm – Councilor O'Brien returned to the meeting.

Bethesda representatives wanted to know if the project would be done by November 1, 2015 when the assessment payment would be due to avoid any payment and if the project were not complete could interest be deferred until the project was 100% complete so it could be inspected before payment was made.

Mrs. Leseman wanted to know what would happen if the assessment agreement was not signed. Mr. Helwig explained it was not necessary for the assessment agreement to be signed to proceed with the assessment roll. Mrs. Leseman said the council should have started sooner and let the residents know this was coming. Mayor Bureau explained the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was in November of 2014. Mrs. Leseman felt the residents should have been contacted with a letter. Deputy City Clerk Conway produced the return

receipt from the post office with Mr. Leseman's signature showing the letter was picked up on November 3, 2014.

**A Motion** was made by Councilor Gustafson and was seconded by Councilor Rodd to approve the Assessment Roll to the Carlton County Auditor. The motion passed unanimously.

**ROLL CALL**

Vork	Absent
Gustafson	Aye
O'Brien	Aye
Rodd	Aye
Bureau	Aye

**A MOTION** was made by Councilor Rodd and seconded by Councilor O'Brien to adjourn, the time being 6:33pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted;

Carol Conway/Deputy City Clerk