MILACA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING - 10:00 a.m.
Meeting with MnDOT - Traffic Concerns and Long Range Plans
October 3, 2019

The special meeting of the Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation began at 10:00 a.m. Council members were present: Mayor Pedersen, Councilors Dillan and Larsen.

Councilors Absent: Johnson and C. Pedersen

Staff Present: City Manager Tammy Pfaff, Public Works Supervisor Gary Kirkeby, City Engineer Phil Gravel and Building Official Marshall Lind.

Others Present: Minnesota Department of Transportation Staff: Steven Voss-District Planning Director, Russell Fellbaum-Senior Engineer, Stephanie Castellanos-Public Engagement Coordinator and Jon Mason-Senior Transportation Planner.

The discussion focused on Highway 23 intersections and the 169 bypass.
Areas identified:
MnDOT did a Pre-Scoping Assessment Interview with multiple questions.

MnDOT representatives stated that in 2022 the improvements from Foley to the Milaca Bridge will be completed and the Milaca area projects will be completed in 2025.

Roundabouts were discussed and there are areas that would be in need of roundabouts at County Road 2 and potentially at Hwy 23 and 10th street as the traffic is stalled at this intersection.

MnDOT asked about the need for Bike or Pedestrian walk ways. The city would like to see them included in the project as council member Dillan pointed out that a lot of runners use Hwy 23. Also discussed was the need to incorporate a bike trail in the area. The current Comp plan was reviewed and is need of revision to include a bike trail.

Stop Lights on Central- MnDOT will be doing some modifications to the lights to help traffic move through this intersection by adding turn signals. 3rd Street and Hwy 23 school traffic was discussed and the need to have a pedestrian light in this area. MnDOT suggested the TA program and that it could help with area.

Phil suggested that a separate study be done for the bypass area. MnDOT stated they will take this back to the office to talk about it.

MnDOT will take the next steps to compile their notes and will send the city a detailed outline of all items discussed. They will also look at traffic control.

MnDOT stated they are having an Open House at the Mille Lacs County Courthouse on November 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. regarding "Reduced Conflict Intersections."

Meeting ended at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor Harold Pedersen

ATTEST

City Manager Tammy Pfaff