NEW YORK MILLS CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
February 12, 2018
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 5:50 p.m. in the City 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 meeting and the business to be transacted.

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Clerk Julie Roberts, Administrative Assistant Cheri Kopveiler, Public Works Director Kyle Mattson

Guests Present: NYM Dispatch Reporter Eric Bervig

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – Upgrade to Civil Defense Siren and application to USDA for grant funding for the upgrade.

Residents/Interested Parties in attendance: None

Mayor Gerber opened the public hearing for the Upgrade to the Civil Defense Siren and application to USDA for grant funding.

Clerk Roberts explained that the current civil defense siren used by the City of New York Mills was put in place in 1940 and has to be manually sounded. There is a need to replace the old manual siren for the safety of our community and this is a solution that the city has decided would be the best plan. The cost of the siren will be $20,900. The city is working on a grant application to the USDA for funding to cover this cost. The grant the city is applying for would cover 75% of the cost of the siren. The city would need to cover the remaining cost of the siren with other city funds. The new siren would be placed in the Smith Park area and could be turned on remotely from the Otter Tail County dispatch office. This would save valuable time in notifying the public of the emergency situation. The area covered by the siren would be one mile out from the vortex.

Roberts asked if there were any questions regarding the subject.

Mattson asked if we do not receive a grant, does the city plan to replace the siren anyway.

Roberts responded that the need for the new siren is essential. If the city did not receive this grant, we would try to find other sources of grant money that could be used for the siren replacement. If no grants can be found, the city would have to cover the full cost of the siren.

With no further discussion from those present the Public Hearing was closed at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Julie A. Roberts
City Clerk