

# 2020 Street & Utility Improvements

August 2020

## Project Newsletter No. 1

### Construction of:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE

### Construction Dates:

Tentative Start: August 17, 2020

Substantial: October 30, 2020

Final: June 30, 2021

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### Overview

As you know, the City of Madelia is undertaking a construction project to improve the city streets and utilities along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE and 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The project includes the reconstruction of the sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer, and street construction.

### Dates

Competitive bids for the work were received on July 13, 2020 and the project was awarded to W.W. Blacktopping, Inc. from Mankato, Minnesota on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

W.W. Blacktopping, Inc. is tentatively scheduled to begin work on or after August 17<sup>th</sup>, once they finish up some other projects they are working on. The contract completion date for most of the work is October 30<sup>th</sup> and W.W. Blacktopping, Inc. is expected to meet the completion date.

### Contacts

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Connor Pint, who is the on-site contact to represent the City and its residents through the construction process or Adam Jacobs, the City Engineer, at the phone number or email address listed.

### Questions

#### Garbage & Recycling

The schedule for garbage and recycling will remain the same. Residents can bring their cans to the edge of their driveways and the contractor will coordinate the pickup with the garbage and recycling companies. We ask that all residents place a piece of duct tape with their address on their containers to ensure they get theirs back.

#### Mail

The contractor will have to remove and protect the existing mailboxes to be able to build the project. During the project, the contractor will install a temporary mailbox bank with individual mailboxes for each resident at a location to be determined by the postmaster. The contractor is responsible to reinstall mailboxes at the end of the project.

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### What to Expect – Street & Utility Improvements

A street & utility reconstruction project will begin with removal of the existing pavement. At about the same time, a temporary potable water distribution system will be established to serve each property during utility reconstruction. The contractor will lay out temporary water pipes on the ground surface outside of the road, from which smaller temporary water service lines will be run to each house. Sewer service will remain unaffected during construction.

Once the temporary water system is tested and operational, the existing sanitary sewer main pipes, water main pipes, and storm sewer pipes will be removed and replaced in the roadway. Following installation of the mains, the contractor will remove and replace the sewer and water services to each property from the new main to the property line, which is typically located about 10-15 feet behind the curb. The existing sewer and water services between the property line and each house are not planned to be replaced as part of the project. Utility construction typically lasts about 3 to 4 weeks after the pavement is removed.

Street reconstruction will follow utility work and begin by excavating and removing all material within the upper two feet of the existing roadbed to make space for the new gravel base and surface pavement. This process will be followed with installation of new curb and gutter and concrete driveway aprons where removed. Two layers of asphalt will be installed in separate processes, one this fall and one next year.

Street reconstruction typically lasts about 3 to 4 weeks following utility construction.

Boulevard restoration, including installation of topsoil and hydroseed will occur following the first layer of street paving.

Please contact Connor Pint if you have an irrigation system or invisible dog fence in your front yard prior to the start of construction. This information will help minimize impacts to irrigation systems and dog fences during the construction process.

## Access & Parking

When the street and utilities are under construction, the contractor will need all of the space in the street possible. Therefore, parking will not be allowed on the project area streets during the working hours. Access to driveways will be provided as much as possible. The project team understands the need for access to each property, therefore the streets will be temporarily restored at the end of each workday and access to private driveways will generally be available each night.

During street & utility reconstruction, access conditions are usually most challenging after rainfall. Heavy traffic over muddy streets makes conditions worse. Residents will be encouraged to drive on paved roadways whenever that alternative exists.

Typical working hours for the project will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, if necessary.

In general, property notices will be delivered to front doors as often as needed to communicate construction changes.

Once construction begins, residents can contact Connor Pint, who is the on-site contact there to represent the City and its residents through the construction process.

## Safety

The contractor will do everything they can to make the project area safe for residents. However, residents should be aware of their surroundings when walking or driving near construction equipment. The City asks that residents keep their distance from construction equipment in use and utility trenches. There are also materials that can cause harm if caution is not used, such as hot asphalt pavement immediately after being placed. Please keep children and pets away from construction activity and open trenches as they might not be aware of the dangers. If you see anything that you feel is unsafe, please do not hesitate to call Connor Pint.