

The Milnor City Council convened for a special meeting at the Milnor Community Center at 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2022. Council members present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen, Bud Heinert and Nannette Severson. Austin Roeder and Ryan Weber attended by phone. Also present: Mike Bassingthwaite, Carol Peterson, Mary Engst, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Mayor Terry Dusek called the meeting order.

Mayor Dusek informed council there had been an update from the state regarding the Safe Walks to School projects, and they would need to make a decision regarding Phase I and Phase II.

Mike Bassingthwaite, of Interstate Engineering, explained he'd been informed the state would like the city to postpone Phase I of the project. The state is concerned about the cost of the project, with original bidding scheduled to begin in June and construction to take place later in the summer. The state has agreed to fund 80% of the contractor and construction cost of both Phases, so they would like to push back bidding for Phases I and II until November and do construction for both next summer. Bassingthwaite stated that waiting will be more cost-effective, and would put the city at the front of first bidding for projects in 2023. The project would be done in the same phasing and would be staged out.

Motion to push back Phase I of the Safe Walks to School project and do both Phase I and II at the same time (Anderson/Haugen, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, no nays). Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn (Haugen/Anderson, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor