

CITY OF OAKDALE, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORTING THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A LOCAL SALES TAX TO FUND SPECIFIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDING REGIONAL BENEFIT, TO ESTABLISH THE DURATION OF THE TAX AND THE REVENUE TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ISSUE BONDS SUPPORTED BY THE SALES TAX REVENUE.**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oakdale held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota, with the following members present: Mayor Paul Reinke, Council Members Jake Ingebrigtsen, Susan Olson, Colleen Swedberg, and Kevin Zabel; and the following absent: none, the Oakdale City Council resolved:

**WHEREAS**, the city has engaged community residents and businesses and identified two projects:

- **Police Facility:** The Police Department has occupied its current facility since 1992, and during that time its sworn officer staff has increased 60% while responding to the growth in service needs and demands discussed above. The police station is beyond the capacity of the Department's current operational needs, and its inefficiencies hinder the ability to meet the increasing needs in Oakdale and its immediate region. The urgently-needed facility improvements are necessary to continue to provide services to non-residents and businesses at current levels as well as increased demands for services as the East metro develops in the future. Financing the \$12M expanded and re-programmed police station through a City sales tax is an equitable method to reflect the benefits of the region surrounding Oakdale that relies on its need to provide police services to them;
- **Public Works Facility:** The Public Works Department has occupied its current facility since 1985, and has made three subsequent additions through 2009. It is crowded, inefficient, and prone to structural and health concerns due to its location next to a wetland. The urgently-needed facility improvements are necessary to continue to provide services to non-residents and businesses at current levels as well as increased demands for services as the East metro develops in the future. Financing this \$15M new facility through a City sales tax is an equitable method to reflect the benefits of the region surrounding Oakdale that relies on its need to provide public works services to them;

**WHEREAS**, the projects will result in benefits to both the residents and businesses of the City of Oakdale and to non-resident visitors and businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, funding the projects with a local sales tax will more closely distribute the cost of the projects to the users of the facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the projects are estimated to cost approximately \$27M; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city estimates that a local sales tax of .5 (one-half) percent would generate approximately \$35M over 20 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city has provided documentation of the regional significance of each project, including the share of the economic benefit to or use of each project by persons residing, or businesses located, outside of the jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated local sales tax revenue and estimated time needed to raise that amount of revenue for each project is as follows:

- Police Facility: the city will collect \$12M, plus interest and other associated debt issuance costs, over 20 years.
- Public Works Facility: the City will collect \$15M, plus interest and other associated debt issuance costs, over 20 years.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.99 authorizes the imposition of a general sales tax if permitted by special law of the Minnesota Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.99 requires the City to pass a resolution authorizing such a local tax and to obtain Legislative approval prior to approval by the local voters to enact the local tax;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following:

1. The city council supports the authority to impose a general local sales tax of .5 (one-half) percent for a period of 20 (twenty) years to fund the aforementioned projects;
2. Upon approval of this resolution, the city will submit the adopted resolution and documentation of regional significance to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House and Senate Taxes committees for approval and passage of a special law authorizing the tax, by January 31 of the year that it is seeking the special law.
3. Upon Legislative approval and passage of the special law authorizing the tax, the city will adopt a resolution accepting the new law, which will be filed with a local approval certificate to the Office of the Secretary of State before the following Legislative session.
4. The city will put detailed ballot questions, which includes separate questions for each project, on a general election ballot for local voter approval. This will be done within two years of receiving legislative authority.
5. If one or more ballot questions pass, the city will also pass an ordinance imposing the tax and notify the commissioner of Revenue at least 90 days before the first day of the calendar quarter that the tax will be imposed.
6. Upon completion of the aforementioned requirements, the local sales tax will commence and run for a duration of 20 (twenty) years or until a sum sufficient to fund the voter approved project(s), including related debt costs, is raised, whichever comes first.

Voting in Favor: Mayor Reinke, Council Members Ingebrigtsen, Olson, Swedberg, and Zabel;

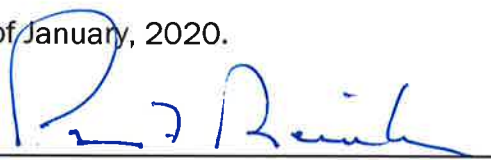
Voting Against: None.

Resolution duly seconded and passed this 28th day of January, 2020.

Attest:



Susan Barry, City Clerk

  
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Paul Reinke, Mayor