MINUTES PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER January 8, 2024 – 6:00p.m.

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Present were Chairman Wazorko, Vice Chairwoman Morante, Council members Christopher, Hurley, Underwood, Tompkins, Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Technical Services Director Bossi, and Town Clerk Arena. Council Member Gediman was absent

Chairman Wazorko read the following resolution:

1-2024

TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BENEFICIAL ASSESSMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL INCENTIVIES FOR THE HONOR HEIGHTS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Plainville installed new sanitary sewer infrastructure in the Honor Heights neighborhood, encompassing eighty (80) properties on Provencher Drive, Hull Drive, D'Amico Drive, Hittleman Court, Washburn Drive, Shepard Lane, Casciello Drive, and Robidoux Road; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Project aims to enhance public health, environmental sustainability, and overall quality of life for the residents in the affected area, currently relying on individual septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the project involved the installation of an eight-inch sanitary sewer main, sixinch service laterals, sanitary sewer manholes, and temporary roadway repairs to ensure the seamless integration of the new infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Plainville Town Council has diligently considered the financial implications of this project and is committed to ensuring a fair and equitable distribution of costs among the affected residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. Beneficial Assessment Amount: The Town Council hereby approves the beneficial assessment for the Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Project, at the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The assessment considers the project's costs, benefiting properties, and other relevant factors, ensuring a reasonable and proportionate distribution of financial responsibility among the affected property owners.

- 2. Payment Plan on the Beneficial Assessment: The Town Council establishes a payment plan option for residents to ease the financial burden associated with the final assessment. The payment plan will be administered by the Town, allowing homeowners to fulfill their obligations over an extended period.
 - a. The duration of the payment plan shall be twenty (20) years.
 - b. The interest rate of the payment plan shall be two percent (2%).
- **3. Connection Requirement:** In order to use the payment plan, homeowners are required to connect to the sanitary sewer system within thirty (30) months of the 1st day of April, 2024.
- **4. Standby Fee:** A standby fee will be charged to properties that do not connect to the sanitary sewer system after thirty (30) months of the 1st day of April, 2024. As of January, 2024, the standby fee is \$424 per year.
- **5. Waiver of Connection Fee:** A waiver of the three thousand dollar (\$3,000) connection fee shall be granted to all homeowners.
- **6. Incentives for Connection of Lateral:** The Town Council encourages prompt connection to the new system by offering the following incentives:
 - a. A six-thousand-dollar (\$6,000) loan to be paid over twenty (20) years at an interest rate of two percent (2%). This loan program is available for thirteen (13) months starting on the 1st day of April, 2024.
 - b. Homeowners that connect to the new system within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days beginning on the 1st day of April, 2024, will have one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of their loan forgiven.
- 7. Number of Assessments for Multi-Unit Structures: For multi-unit structures, the beneficial assessment shall be calculated based on the number of units. Each unit within a multi-unit structure will be subject to a separate assessment. The only exception pertains to 9 Casciello Drive (Thibeault), which will be assessed once.
- **8.** Relief for Recent Septic Repairs or Replacements: Homeowners residing at the following addresses have made repairs or replacements to their septic systems as identified by records provided by the South Central Health District:
 - a. 10 D'Amico Drive (Johnston)
 - b. 12 D'Amico Drive (Kulak)
 - c. 6 Hittleman Court (Robles)
 - d. 34 Provencher Drive (Wohahrt)
 - e. 9 Robidoux Drive (Orta)
 - f. 20 Robidoux Drive (Boyles)
 - g. 24 Robidoux Drive (Daniels)
 - h. 32 Washburn Drive (Atlantic Realty)

- i. 58 Washburn Drive (Dignazio)
- j. 44 Washburn Drive (Ramsey)

Relief shall be provided to the homeowners in the form of a waiver of the standby fee (as noted in item 4 of this resolution) for a period of ten (10) years effective the 1st day of April, 2024 or until the homeowner connects to the sanitary sewer system. The waiver shall be valid only to the present homeowner. The waiver shall be voided if a property transfer occurs.

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution entitled "The Beneficial Assessment and Other Financial Incentives for the Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Project". The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Morante and passed 6-0.

At 7:22 pm Councilman Hurley motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Morante and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Cindy Arena, Town Clerk

& Clerk of the Town Council