

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BRAHAM CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018  
6:30 P.M. MNDOT PRESENTATION

The meeting was called to order with the following present: Mayor Patricia Carlson; Council Members Lowell Jaques, Shawn Sullivan, Jeremy Kunshier, and Vicky Ethen; and City Administrator Sally Hoy.

Several people from the public were in attendance, as well as Delwayne Hahn from the Isanti County News, Scott McKinney from the Braham Journal, and Police Chief Eric Baumgart.

Luke Wehseler, MNDOT Project Engineer for the Hwys. 65/107 Intersection Project, presented an overview of the project to the council. He reported the project will be contracted in December 2018 for Summer 2019 construction. He explained the layout of the project which consisted of three stoplights, and "Continuous Green" on Hwy 65 for southbound traffic. He showed the layout on the overhead, explaining how the traffic will move from the different directions.

Wehseler reported construction would likely start in April, and that the intersection will be open through the entire project. He showed them a view of where they would be shifting traffic in three stages of the project. He said an early spring project would be started in April and completed by July 4, or a mid-summer project would start a little later and be completed by the end of July. He made mention that they would avoid Pie Day.

The council raised concerns with the danger of rear-end collisions for the southbound traffic that would be stopped for cars having to cross two lanes of northbound traffic in order to turn onto County Road 46. The council told Wehseler there is already a lot of traffic that turns onto CR 46, and that people were using the shoulder as a passing lane. The council and Chief Baumgart added there were accidents at that intersection already, and that a paved bypass lane for southbound traffic at the CR 46 intersection would need to be added to the project to avoid rear-end collisions.

He presented statistics from other intersections like the Hwys. 65/107 intersection in the country with before and after data showing the reduction of accidents.

Wehseler asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he added that people could contact MNDOT if they had any questions in the future.

The council thanked Wehseler for the presentation, then Sullivan moved, and Kunshier seconded to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally A. Hoy  
City Administrator