

Sunflower Festival opens at Waldoch Farms



Photos by Hannah Davis

Doug Joyer, one of the owners of Waldoch Farms, planned the local garden and farm’s first Sunflower Festival, the first weekend of which took place July 27 and 28. The idea came from other farms across the nation doing similar festivals, and since Waldoch was looking for something to plant in the pumpkin patches during off years, Joyer decided sunflowers would be the perfect fit, as they bloom in the summer during a time that isn’t typically busy and also would help the bee population. The sunflower fields are open for guests to walk through and take pictures, and guests can pick their own sunflower for free with the purchase of a ticket. A hayride and activity center, including live music and games, are also at the festival. The Sunflower Festival continues next weekend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Street projects

The City Council awarded North Valley Inc. the 2019 street improvement project. This project consists mostly of improvements to Fairview Avenue around Fairview Lakes Medical Center. However, City Engineer Mark Erichson added that there were some alternates added to the project. The city had some patchwork projects that it was not able to get standalone bids on, so the city decided to add the patchwork on East Viking Boulevard to

the main street project as an alternate.

“There is a tremendously high volume of work this year,” Erichson said.

Alternate 1 consisted of removing 1 1/2 inches of pavement and replacing it as an overlay.

Alternate 2 was a pavement replacement with removing 4 inches of pavement and replacing it.

The bid from North Valley for the main project was \$527,025, with an additional \$36,490 for alternate 1 and \$44,786 for alternate 2. Erichson said alternate 2 is a “far superior project that will last much longer.” He recommend-

ed going with alternate 2.

The city voted unanimously to approve the bid with alternate 2.

For the 2019 crack fill project, Erichson said the city had received “fantastic” bids. Gopher State Sealcoat was the low bid at \$17,852. Erichson added that Gopher State had done work in Wyoming previously and had done a good job. He recommended up to \$20,000 to allow for some quantity changes. The council unanimously approved the bid.

The council also unanimously approved a bid of \$5,962.50 from AAA Striping Service to restripe a portion of East Viking Boulevard be-

tween Fenwick Avenue and Glen Oak Drive. The striping was originally part of a project that would have also included a new road seal, but that portion was tabled as the city considers the best way to move forward (learn more in the July 18 story, “Wyoming considers new bridge planning”).

City Administrator Robb Linwood had previously suggested that the city undertake some long-term financial planning that would take into consideration Wyoming’s growth. Consulting firm Abdo, Eick and Meyers presented a proposal for long-term financial planning at a cost of \$9,500.

“I think this is really important

because things do change,” Mayor Lisa Iverson said. She added that she felt it was important to be prepared. The council approved the proposal unanimously.

In other news, Kristin Mroz of Minnesota GreenStep Cities attended the meeting to present the city with a certificate and signage signifying the city as a GreenStep city.

The GreenStep Cities program aims to work with Minnesota cities to develop sustainability and environmentally friendly programs. Mroz said the city has completed 15 sustainability projects, which is what is required for the initial recognition as a GreenStep city.

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