

KARLSTAD CITY COUNCIL

Street Improvements- Harding, Lincoln & Lofgren

PUBLIC HEARING

When: July 7, 2025

Time: 6:00-6:30PM

Where: Karlstad Community Center
104 Main St. S.
Karlstad, MN 56732

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Opening Statement

A. Purpose of Hearing –

- * Public comment regarding street improvements on Harding St., Lincoln Ave, and Lofgren Ave

B. Public Hearing Procedure –

- * Enter your name on the sign-up sheet if speaking
- * Stand and provide your name and address in a clear manner
- * Limit your comments to 5 minutes
- * Verbal/written comments will be accepted and carry the same weight

3. Public Testimony:

- Troy Peterson asked what happens to the tax forfeited lots regarding assessments. He also asked why each street isn't assessed separately instead of all together and Dustin explained that it's based on the asphalt tonnage for the project.
- Shawn Collins expressed that he feels no major benefit at all with most of his property being woods. He mentioned how taxes have continued to increase every year already and he doesn't agree with his taxes increasing another roughly \$12,000 for this project based on his front and end footage.
- Troy Peterson expressed his concern for his rental properties and having to up the rent amounts even more than he has in the past due to the increase in

taxes every year. He asked if drain tile has been considered to be taken off the table for this project. He mentioned that Twin Lakes may have already remedied the flooding problem by being drained roughly 2 feet recently. He also mentioned that Heritage School will be put out of business in his opinion with the large amount they're being assessed on this project.

- Leighton Sys expressed his opinion that the road he lives on is not in need of major repair at this time. There are no potholes, however the manholes are rough, why not just fix those for now? He said there is very little traffic on his street besides the people that live there.
- Ron Wollin asked why the decision was made to do a 1.5" overlay. He feels that the roads will have to be redone again in 5-10 years. He expressed that this is going to tax him out of town as he's on a fixed income.

4. Adjournment at 6:40PM.