

The City of Baraboo, Wisconsin

**FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT
AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST BENEFITTED
PROPERTY
IN
BARABOO, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the governing body of Baraboo, Wisconsin, held a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 101 South Blvd, Baraboo, WI 53913 at 7:00 p.m. on the 12th day of May, 2020, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons concerning the Preliminary Resolution and report of the City Engineer and final assessments against benefitted properties on the proposed public improvements consisting of installation of sidewalk and curb & gutter and heard all persons who desired to speak at the hearing.

The property to be assessed lies within the following described assessment district:

ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

New Sidewalk - That property on:

- East side of Tuttle Street (between 9th & 10 Streets) - approximately 1,360 sq ft.
- North side of 9th Street (from Tuttle St west 270 Ft) - approximately 1,350 sq ft.
- 13th Avenue (between Amundson Dr & Birch St) - approximately 3,290 sq ft.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Baraboo, Wisconsin, determines as follows:

1. The Report of the City Engineer, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Engineer is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein, and the plans and specifications and assessments set forth therein are adopted and approved.

2. The City Engineer has advertised for bids and will supervise the construction of the improvements in accordance with the report hereby adopted.

3. Payment for the improvements shall be made by assessing 100% of the final construction cost to the property benefitted as indicated in the report.

4. Assessments shown on the report represent an exercise of the police power and have been determined on a reasonable basis and are hereby confirmed.

5. Assessments for all projects included in the report are hereby combined as a single assessment but any interested property owner may object to each assessment separately or all assessments jointly for any purpose.

6. The assessments shall be paid to the City Treasurer in full within 30 days from the date of invoice, except that the following payment options are available:

- Pay in full within 30 days to avoid interest charges.
- 3-year installment agreement for assessments between \$500 and \$1,000. Pay 1/3 down within 30 days of date of invoice and sign an installment agreement. For sidewalk projects completed in conjunction with street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement plus 1 1/2%. For sidewalk projects completed independent of street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement. Interest is charged starting 30 days after the invoice date and future installments will be entered on the tax roll for collection.
- 5-year installment agreement for assessments between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Pay 1/5th down within 30 days of date of invoice and sign an installment agreement. For sidewalk projects completed in conjunction with street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement plus 1 1/2%. For sidewalk projects completed independent of street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement. Interest is charged starting 30 days after the invoice date and future installments will be entered on the tax roll for collection.
- 7-year installment agreement for assessments between \$5,000 and \$9,999. Pay 1/7th down within 30 days of date of invoice and sign an installment agreement. For sidewalk projects completed in conjunction with street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement plus 1 1/2%. For sidewalk projects completed independent of street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement. Interest is charged starting 30 days after the invoice date and future installments will be entered on the tax roll for collection.
- 10-year installment agreement for assessments over \$10,000. Pay 1/10th down within 30 days of date of invoice and sign an installment agreement. For sidewalk projects completed in conjunction with street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement plus 1 1/2%. For sidewalk projects completed independent of street reconstruction, the interest rate will be the prime lending rate at the time of the agreement. Interest is charged starting 30 days after the invoice date and future installments will be entered on the tax roll for collection.
- Financial Hardship. A property owner who has a household income which is 80% or less of the medium income in Sauk County based upon the current published figures, or who is not eligible for a Community Development Block Grant loan as stated above, shall be eligible to repay the City for the assessment at the rate of \$100 per year or 5% of the total assessment, whichever is greater, plus annual interest of 1% until paid. The Community Development Authority staff shall verify low-income eligibility and shall make a recommendation as to such eligibility to the City Council. If there is an outstanding balance at the time of sale or transfer of the property, except between spouses, the remaining balance shall become due. A property owner requesting financial hardship eligibility shall submit a copy of their most recently filed State of Wisconsin tax return if filed, or otherwise show proof of annual household income.

For each year ending in either 5 or 0, the property owner shall re-submit proof of financial hardship to the City. If the property owner continues to qualify under the policy guidelines, the hardship status will remain. If the property owner does not qualify, the remaining balance of the assessment shall be paid pursuant to an Installment Agreement, the term of which will be determined based on said remaining balance as outlined above.

- COVID-19 Deferral. A property owner who can demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the City that their financial condition has been negatively affected by COVID-19 will still be eligible for the appropriate installment plan above, but the 1st payment will not be due until July 15, 2021.

- Balance on Tax Roll. If the property owner does not pay in full within 30 days from the invoice date or qualify for an installment plan, the entire balance will be placed on the next tax roll for collection with interest added at 1% per month.

In all cases, the deferral of payment shall become immediately due and payable to the City, without notice, if the property owner defaults in the payment of any installment for a period of 30 days following the specified due date thereof, or if the property owner shall transfer, sell or convey any legal or equitable interest in the lot or parcel subject to the special tax herein. If all or any part of any installment payment is not made in accordance with the terms of this resolution, the entire unpaid principal balance, together with the accrued interest thereon, shall at the City's option shall be deemed to be delinquent and said amount shall be extended upon the current or next tax roll as a delinquent special tax against the subject lot or parcel of land and immediately upon being placed on the tax roll as a delinquent special tax, interest shall accrue thereon at the then existing rate for delinquent taxes and all proceedings in relation to the collection, return and sale of property for delinquent real estate taxes shall apply to such special packs.

7. The City Clerk shall publish this Resolution as a Class 1 notice under ch. 985, Stats., in the assessment district and mail a copy of this Resolution and a statement of the final assessment against the benefitted property together with notice of installment payment privileges to every property owner whose name appears on the assessment roll whose post office address is known or can with reasonable diligence be ascertained.

Dated: May 12, 2020

Published: May 20, 2020

Signed /s/ Michael Palm, Mayor

Attest /s/ Brenda Zeman, City Clerk

Offered by: Public Safety Committee

Motion: Kolb

Second: Wedekind

PUB: BNR: 5/21/2020

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