

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 11TH, 2023

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, Mayor Friese called the Special City Council meeting to order at 8:01 AM, at City Hall, 250 S. Main Street, Pine Island, Minnesota.

Members Present: Friese, Johnson, Hildenbrand, Pahl and Veith Staloch

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Elizabeth Howard, Steven Scheevel, Stephanie Pocklington (during Administration C), Attorney Bob Vose (virtual), Kathy Sather and Jonathan Baer.

Deputy Administrator Scheevel gave an update on three different computer and technical support companies which could expand technical support to the City. The City Council directed staff to have two of the companies present to the City Council at its next workshop in January or February.

Administrator Howard provided the Council with an update on the Earned Safe & Sick Leave that will go into effect on January 1st. She asked for direction on how to continue the current regular sick leave policy in conjunction with the Earned Safe & Sick Leave policy. Final approval will be before the Council at their next regular Council meeting.

City Clerk Stephanie Pocklington asked for direction on 3 utility accounts regarding abnormally high readings. Council voted to re-estimate usage for 721 Ninth St SW and 507 Fifth St SW and to take no action for 505 Fifth St SW with a motion from Jonathan Pahl and a second from Jason Johnson. Approved 5-0-0.

Administrator Howard and City Attorney Vose gave an update regarding the PFAS settlement. The Council has 3 options – they can be included in the settlements, they can opt-out by the deadlines in December to preserve the City's litigation rights for future lawsuits, or they could do nothing. Jason Johnson made a motion to be included in the settlement which was seconded by Mike Hildenbrand. Approved 5-0-0.

Jonathan Pahl gave a personal update to the City Council.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), Jason Johnson motioned at 9:26 AM to close the meeting to evaluate the performance of the city administrator, which was seconded by Jonathan Pahl. Approved 5-0-0.

A motion was made at 10:04 AM by Jonathan Pahl and seconded by Mike Hildenbrand to reopen the meeting. Approved 5-0-0.

Be there no further business, Mayor Friese called to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Howard
City Administrator