

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 2nd, 2025

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, Mayor Friese called the Council Workshop meeting to order at 6:02 PM, at City Hall, 250 S. Main Street, Pine Island, Minnesota.

Members Present: Veith Staloch, Pahl, Weis, and Friese

Members Absent: Wright

Others Present: City Administrator- Elizabeth Howard, Deputy City Administrator- Steven Scheevel, Craig Britton – City Engineer, Mitch Massman – EDA Director, Ross Lexvold – Xcel Energy, Jake Andre – Xcel Energy, Rod Lanners, Janice Prescher, Mike Prescher, Dave Boser, Rosanne Boser, Mary Beth Bakeberg, Rev. David Derksen, Darcie Simpson, Ren Tescher, and Peter Fitzgerald.

Ross Lexvold and Jake Andre gave a presentation on behalf of Xcel Energy regarding energy use and data centers and answered City Council's questions.

Howard informed the City Council the City had received correspondence from the Environmental Quality Board regarding a petition from residents asking for an EAW to be completed. More information will be available at our next City Council meeting.

Howard reviewed the final budget and final levy with the City Council. There were minimal changes in the budget and no changes in the levy from when the preliminary budget and levy was passed in September. Council did not want to further review or send it back to the budget committee prior to the final levy and budget.

Howard and Scheevel reviewed drafts of changes to the personnel handbook. Staff is updating the handbook so language matches state statutes and legislative changes.

Howard gave a brief update on the status on the Collins Park and Trailhead Park updates. The Park Board approved new equipment at Collins Park, but asking Council to consider pour in place rubber surfacing rather than wood chips. Council asked this be brought before them at the December regular Council meeting.

Howard and Scheevel reviewed Staff Development Day including policy changes and proposals city staff have for city improvements. These will be discussed at a future meeting and staff was asked to look into the costs of the proposals.

Howard gave an update regarding the day-to-day operations of the city and discussed the upcoming Prairie Island Indian Community Swearing-In Ceremony, quotes for additional parking at the aquatic center, North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District update, and discussed the possibility of completing an economic analyst for Project Skyway.

Be there no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Howard, City Administrator