

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP
JULY 8th, 2024

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, Mayor pro tem Johnson called the Special City Council meeting to order at 8:17 AM, at City Hall, 250 S. Main Street, Pine Island, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Friese

Others Present: Elizabeth Howard, Steven Scheevel, Annie Nichols, Dave Schmidt, and Ben Strand

Annie Nichols, Dave Schmidt, and Ben Strand from CEDA gave a presentation on the draft comprehensive plan. Final updates will be made to the plan and presented at a future regular council meeting.

Council discussed the city's current animal-at-large ordinance and directed staff to bring area ordinance comparisons to the next work session.

Council discussed the GCSO contract numbers which were given to the city as a preliminary discussion of the contract renewal. Council asked staff if there were any alternatives to save taxpayers dollars. The preliminary contract numbers would be presented to the County Board at their next Goodhue County Board meeting on July 16th.

Council discussed the possibility of creating a policy to rent out the pickleball courts for blocks of time. They deferred the issue to the park board and will revisit the issue once they have discussed it.

Council discussed the wages given to our emergency management directors. Currently they are given a stipend throughout the year for their duties. If there were an emergency management situation where the EOC is activated, there will be a case by case discussion on additional wages.

Administrator Howard requested approval for a temporary front desk staff person at city hall for 4-6 weeks late summer/early fall while another city employee is out for an extended leave. Council gave consensus that they would approve the hiring of a temporary worker if needed.

The August work session date falls on National Night Out. Council had consensus to move the August work session to Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00 PM at City Hall so Council and staff can attend National Night Out.

Administrator Howard gave her general report of day to day operations.

Be there no further business, Mayor Friese called to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Howard
City Administrator