

STATE OF MINNESOTA
GOODHUE/OLMSTED COUNTIES
CITY OF PINE ISLAND
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP
MAY 29th, 2024

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, Mayor pro tem Johnson called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:59 PM, at City Hall, 250 S. Main Street, Pine Island, Minnesota.

Members Present: Johnson, Hildenbrand, Veith Staloch, Pahl, and Friese (arrived late at 6:45 PM)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Elizabeth Howard and Steven Scheevel

Council requested staff look at what other Mayors and Council Members receive for a salary in surrounding communities. Staff will present the information at the August work session.

Council discussed the request to move City Council meeting up to 6:00 PM. Staff will check with city representatives to ensure they could make that work and if so can proceed to rewrite the ordinance for future approval.

Council tabled the sign ordinance discussion and the nuisance ordinance discussion until the August work session so Pahl can review and provide input.

Administrator Howard provided an update on the comprehensive plan. She will forward a link to Council to review the draft to provide comments. The comprehensive plan will be presented at a regular City Council meeting.

The personnel committee, Carol Krueger and Administrator Howard conducted interviews on May 23rd for the finance clerk position. The committee recommends Rachael Fjoser to be hired for the position. Hildenbrand made a motion to approve Ms. Fjoser's as the finance clerk, with a second by Staloch Veith. Approved 4-0-0.

Howard explained that Mayor Friese will be updating the committee assignments with the addition of Council Member Pahl. Reach out to Mayor Friese if you have preferences on which committees you would like to serve on.

Council Member Pahl requested that 2nd Street NE should be closed to through traffic during Cheese Fest while the detour is set up. There was consensus to table this discussion to the February 2025 work session since the current detour is already set up.

Howard gave an update on the 511th Street Bridge. Construction would start late fall with a completion date of spring/summer 2025 if everything stays on schedule.

Be there no further business, Mayor Friese called to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Howard
City Administrator