

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

Pursuant to due call, and notice thereof, Mayor Friese called the Council Workshop meeting to order at 6:01 PM, at City Hall, 250 S. Main Street, Pine Island, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Administrator- Elizabeth Howard, Deputy City Administrator- Steven Scheevel, Wiseth Engineer- Craig Britton, EDA Director – Mitch Massman, GCSO Chief Deputy Jon Huneke, and GCSO Patrol Major Mat Jacobsen.

Tessia Melvin was having technical problems and could not connect. Howard gave a brief update and stated Ms. Melvin will be rescheduled for the next work session.

Chief Deputy Huneke and Major Jacobsen gave an update from the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office and answered general questions from the City Council.

Craig Britton showed the City Council a preliminary draft of the Walters property. A final draft will be available at the next work session for discussion.

Mitch Massman reviewed the draft business subsidy policy and answered questions from City Council and incorporated feedback into the draft to be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Friese requested to review street parking at 6th Street SW to 5th Ave SW for a no parking zone. The curve makes it very difficult for emergency vehicles to access the Wazuweeta Woods apartment building when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

There was discussion on possibly turning the tennis courts on 5th St SE into additional parking for the pool. Staff was asked to help create a plan to find a different space to move the tennis courts and compile a quote on what would need to be done to create additional parking.

Howard gave an overview of the 2026 budget. The budget committee met to review increases for the next year. There were very few requests from staff for increases to their budgets. Most increases are the results of increased costs of chemicals and materials, increased costs for services such as police and ambulance, and the increased costs of insurance premiums.

The Council discussed different models for staffing the ice rink for future seasons as it is becoming more and more difficult to rely on volunteers.

Howard gave a brief update on the sale of Evergreen Place. The sale was completed and funds were distributed to the City.

Be there no further business, Brandi Veith Staloch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM and Delana Weis seconded. Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Howard, City Administrator