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COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 5:48 p.m. on September 1, 2022.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Mayor Laurie Elliott, Council Member Kevin Chapdelaine, Council Member Tom Ingemann, Council Member Marvin Taylor, and Council Member Rozlyn Johnson.

Not Present (0): None.

3. 2023 BUDGET

Assistant to the City Administrator Travis Brierley discussed a potential update to the fee schedule to include a non-residential connection fee when property is on a County Road. Assistant Brierley will bring this back to a future meeting.

Assistant Brierley presented the preliminary budget to Council. Highlights assume a 15% health insurance increase and a 12.4% increase for law enforcement. The budget also includes updates to council pay, fire department pay, staff COLA increases, CIP additions. Assistant Brierley will bring back the budget back to the next Council meeting.

4. THC LAW

Assistant Brierley gave Council a sample THC ordinance. Council had a brief discussion about the new THC Law and how we might implement regulations in the City. Council would like to keep this out of residential zones. This item will be brought back to a future workshop.

5. BUILDING DEDICATION PLAQUES

Mayor Elliott discussed a dedication plaque for the new City Hall / Public Safety Building. We also need a plaque to name the Public Works building after Retired Public Works Superintendent Bruce Hanson. Council discussed recognizing 30-year Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) members by dedicating a tree to each of them.

6. NEDA MEETING AVAILABILITY

Assistant Brierley stated we will do a Public Hearing for the sale of the property at 975 2nd Avenue on September 15th 2022.

7. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Assistant Brierley stated future agenda item include the budget, trolling agreement, THC regulations, etc.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:16 p.m. on September 1, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor