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COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:46 p.m. on September 15, 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. CODE ENFORCEMENT

Assistant to the City Administrator Travis Brierley stated Council received an email regarding code enforcement from one of our residents. Currently the way we manage code enforcement is complaint driven. Any complaints received by the city get sent to MNSPECT, who we contract with for code enforcement. The resident wanted the city to take a more active approach to code enforcement as it is not fair to have neighbors turn on each other. They suggest the city drive around 1-2 hours per week or per month to seek out code violations.

Council discussed how we want to manage code enforcement. Council would like to move toward being more than just complaint driven and keep improving. Mayor Elliott would like staff to check with Sergeant Harrell as it is the Council's wish for law enforcement to drive around town and write down addresses of code violations (too many cars and expired tabs). Law enforcement should share this data with Assistant Brierley.

Mayor Elliott inquired if there are other code enforcement items besides the parking that is not getting enforced. Assistant Brierley stated our number one complaint is parking, and the second is junk. Assistant Brierley stated he can talk to Sergeant Harrell and produce a plan for more active enforcement or at least target the worst properties.

4. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Elliott stated future meeting agenda items include THC, Sheriff's office policies and procedures, updated CIP budget, non-residential connection fee resolution, tolling agreement, open house, etc.

Assistant Brierley stated our electronic sign is up and running and we have additional office furniture coming next week. Brunton will be back later this fall to take interior photos and the city will be allowed to use all the photos.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Elliott adjourned the City Council Workshop at 7:28 p.m. on September 15, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jill Thiesfeld,
Administrative Assistant II

Signed: _____
Laurie Elliott, Mayor