



**JOINT
CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP**

**Monday, March 16, 2015
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jillian Hendrickson and Council members Hudson Olson, Sorensen, and Vetsch.

Planning Commissioners Mark Barthel, Jeremy Dominick, Ron Klecker, and Natalya Lindberg.

Absent: Planning Commissioner Dale Edgren.

Others Present: City Administrator/Engineer-PWD Adam Nafstad, City Planner Alan Brixius, City Clerk Kimberly Olson.

2. GOAL SETTING & PRIORITIES FOR 2015

Brixius reviewed the completed projects the City accomplished in 2014.

Brixius gave a presentation on the goals that were originally outlined in the visioning process used in 2012. He indicated that rather than updating the entire Comprehensive Plan in 2012, they used a visioning process to identify issues and opportunities within the community. It also addressed goals, priorities, and strategies for each issue. The process was completed to provide direction for the City for the next 20 to 30 years. Brixius stated that the goals and priorities were reaffirmed in 2013 and 2014 by the City Council and Planning Commission. Sorensen indicated that the visioning process included other committees, community groups, and businesses.

Brixius stated several City projects outlined in the vision process are yet to come such as the streets Capital Improvement Plan, upgrade at the Waste Water Treatment Facility, possible expansion in the industrial area, Central Park Master Plan, and future consideration of point of sale inspections for the housing stock.

Brixius stated staff is currently working with the Albertville Premium Outlet mall on storage pods, secondary access, additional signage, light pole banners, and improved pedestrian crossings. The STMA Soccer Club has approached the City regarding options for a larger building at the former City Hall building located at 5964 Main Avenue NE. Brixius also stated he would like to re-examine the Sign Code.

Dominick inquired about the lack of consistency in sidewalks. Nafstad replied they have not held their condition well and would be eventually replaced.

Council discussed needed upgrades to the intersection at 57th Street NE and CSAH 19, the crosswalk at the Albertville Premium Outlet mall across CSAH 19, and school access.

Brixius inquired of Council their thoughts on the City owned land near the compost site. He indicated previous discussions considered residential homes, a recreational use, a commercial use, and a split residential/park use.

Hendrickson inquired about the community pool listed in the Community Facilities section of the presentation. Brixius stated that was a topic brought up at a previous Planning Commission meeting. Council agreed to remove the pool from the list. They were supportive of the splash pad incorporated into the Central Park Master Plan.

Hendrickson was supportive of having another church located within the City. Brixius stated that is what Council would need to address at this workshop; if they support rezoning any areas in the City. He stated that some other cities also allow a Conditional Use Permit in a residential neighborhood.

Brixius reported the Leuer-Munstertieger, Inc. property has been before Council to consider several other uses on the property, such as a multi-housing complex and split residential/commercial use and prior Councils have not entirely been supportive of this uses.

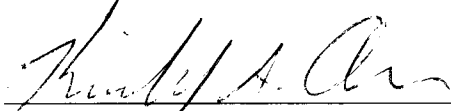
Dominick stated he did not feel a twenty year plan should prohibit the sale of a willing buyer and seller. Brixius replied that is a determination the Planning Commission and City Council must make; if they wish for immediate sale, they will need to amend the goals outlined in the vision process. Dominick felt that the applicant didn't have a chance with their request, that it was an automatic no to them.

Brixius stated that staff is charged with bringing all facts, including the goals and priorities set by previous Councils. Hudson stated that he felt the application process was fair. Staff brought forward to Planning Commission and City Council the application and options both for and against the request. Hendrickson agreed. Both agreed they should continue that process. Barthel also felt the process was working.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Hendrickson, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Ayes: Hendrickson, Hudson, Olson, Sorensen, and Vetsch. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly A. Olson, City Clerk