



## **MAY 5, 2025 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**May 05, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**7701 County Road 110 West Minnetrista, MN 55364**

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### **1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Whalen called the meeting to order at 5:30

Present: Mayor Lisa Wahlen, Council Member Cathleen Reffkin, Council Member Claudia Lacy, Council Member Brian Govern, City Administrator Jasper Kruggel, Finance Director Brian Grimm, Community Development Director David Abel. Attending Remote Assistant City Administrator Allie Polsfuss, Public Services Director Gary Peters and City Clerk Ann Meyerhoff.

Council Member Lacy stated that she would like to add some Storm Water Questions to the agenda if time permits.

### **2) DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **a) Recycling Contract Extension Discussion**

Finance Director Grimm stated that the City of Minnetrista operates a residential recycling program for its residents. This program is paid for with through the utility rates charged to residents per quarter along with some grant funding provided by Hennepin County through the state of Minnesota's SCORE funding program. The city currently has a contract with Waste Management that is ending in August 2025.

Grimm referred to information that was included in the packet regarding the proposal for an extension from Waste Management.

Mayor Whalen asked if we could extend this contract until January 1 and then do the 5 year contract since the fee schedule changes starting in January of that year.

There was discussion about curbside pickup for organic and adding a paragraph to the contract what would allow us to opt out if we choose.

Govern asked if the price increase was normal. Grimm responded that in 2020 they had a price jump but it seems pretty normal.

Staff was directed to bring this item back to the next meeting on consent agenda with moving the time frame from August to January.

#### **b) Code of Conduct**

Mayor Whalen explained that this aims to ensure ethical behavior by the Mayor, City Council, and advisory board/commission members to eliminate conflicts of interest, promote public trust, and encourage citizen participation in governance. It also seeks to maintain a safe, respectful, and harassment-free environment for all involved in city business.

After discussion it was decided to put this on the consent agenda for the next meeting for approval..

c) St. Bonifacius Interconnect Discussion

Administrator Kruggel gave an update on the partnership with St Bonifacius involving an interconnect meter at one location between the two cities. There are four total locations that we share a water main that go between and we have the ability to open them up from time to time. In the past when it has been drought years we have helped each other out. The one thing that we don't know is how much water is going back and forth between the cities. Installing some meters between the two cities will allow us to collaborate a little bit more on water usage.

We are looking at if we actually need to have all four metered because maybe only one or two would be enough to actually serve both communities. Maybe three which would be money savings for both communities and then if there was ever some extreme emergency situation we could open up the fourth. If Council is in agreement there will likely be a future task order to have AE2S develop the plans.

Minnetrista would be maintaining these connections and meters so we want to make sure that we know how they are built and done correctly so they can integrate into our SCADA system correctly.

Council discussed what needs to be done to the Kings Point Tower and the timeframe.

d) Chicken Discussion

Discussion was had by Council on the parameters of what to allow in regards to chickens. It was decided not to issue permits, allow 3 chickens, no roosters fully enclosed in the residential district and in parcels that are half an acre or larger.

e) Council Member Lacy referred to an item that was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting regarding a property that has a lot of run off across from a proposed development.

Mayor Whalen explained that when a new development comes in they have to meet storm water requirements rate control and also quality so once that water leaves the stormwater pond and goes into the lake it has to meet certain qualities as well.

**3) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Reffkin, seconded by Lacy to adjourn the meeting at 6:35.

Motion passed 4-0. Absent: Vickery

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Meyerhoff, City Clerk