

**WORKSHOP  
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
February 26, 2019  
5 PM**

**Attendance**

The City Council held a workshop on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at Oakdale Municipal Building, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota.

Present: Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen  
Susan Olson  
Colleen Swedberg  
Kevin Zabel

Also Present: Susan Barry, City Clerk  
Bart Fischer, City Administrator  
Alyssa MacLeod, Communications Specialist  
Dallas Pierson, Planning Commission

**ISD 622 Annual Presentation**

ISD 622 Superintendent Christine Osorio provided an overview of the planned and proposed district wide facility construction projects, closures, and consolidations. She noted that the changes were designed to improve safety and security, energy efficiency, and technology upgrades and how it is more cost effective to rebuild rather than renovate.

In response to a concern raised by Council Member Zabel with the amount of time between getting information out to the public and the May 14 election, Superintendent Osorio commented that the proposal had been presented at over 40 community meetings and feedback collected and that they would not move forward without support from the parents. She further commented that if the May 14 vote does not succeed, the district would look at other options to make upgrades.

Council Member Zabel asked that the increase in property taxes be included in the messages disseminated by the district.

In response to a comment from Mayor Reinke, Superintendent Osorio commented on the proposal to tear down Oakdale Elementary due to its poor condition, which would also expand the green space at adjacent Tartan High School.

In response to a question from Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Superintendent Osorio explained that the school boundaries would be redrawn whether or not the facilities proposal was approved.

In response to a question from Council Member Olson, Superintendent Osorio explained that tearing down Tartan High School would be costly as classroom facilities would have to be provided during construction and also that the current site does not have the amount of space required to build a new facility.

In response to a question from Mayor Reinke, Superintendent Osorio commented on increased housing planned to occur in the rest of the district that would increase the student population.

In response to a question from Mayor Reinke, Superintendent Osorio asked that inquiries from the public be directed to her office and noted that she would provide a link of one of her presentations to the city.

### **Commission Interviews**

#### **Tree Board: Deborah Moeller**

The City Council interviewed Deborah Moeller to serve on the Tree Board.

#### **Parks and Recreation Commission: Mark Landis**

It was announced that Mark Landis had withdrawn his application for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **Single Hauler Trash Collection System**

Council Member Zabel noted that the Environmental Management Commission had recently discussed whether to evaluate changing to a single hauler or zoned system and he asked the City Council to weigh in.

Council Member Swedberg did not support a single hauler system; she would want residents to have at least two choices of hauler.

Council Member Olson did not support a single hauler system.

Council Member Ingebrigtsen did not support the city being involved in limiting the residents' choice of trash hauler.

Mayor Reinke indicated that the topic had come up several times in the past and was met with tremendous opposition.

Council Member Zabel suggested that one way to reduce the number of garbage trucks on a street would be for residents to consider selecting the same hauler as used by others in the neighborhood.

### **Newsletter Printing Costs**

Council Member Olson asked to be provided with costs relating to the printing of the city's newsletter and where costs might be reduced.

### **Economic Development Commission: Holly Koep**

The City Council discussed the status of Economic Development Commissioner and Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce President Holly Koep's service on the commission now that her associated business is no longer in Oakdale.

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It was the consensus of the City Council that Koep would serve as a voting member on the commission until the completion of her term: June 30, 2019; and could serve as an ex officio member through the end of the year.

Staff was directed to present a code amendment to update the name of the chamber in Section 8-03 of the City Code.

### **Council Retreat**

City Administrator Fischer announced that the City Council retreat would be Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 to 8:30 PM in the Hadley Room at City Hall.

### **Annual Meeting with Economic Development Commission**

Also Present: Steve Whillock, Chairperson, Economic Development Commission  
Bill Burns, Economic Development Commissioner  
Linnea Graffunder-Bartels, Senior Community Development Specialist  
Dave Halper, Economic Development Commissioner  
Holly Koep, Economic Development Commissioner  
Frank Orsello, Economic Development Commissioner  
Bob Stiglich, Economic Development Commissioner

The group discussed reinstating the city's business retention and visitation program.

City Administrator Fischer indicated that staff would develop a plan to present to the City Council, Economic Development Commission, and Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC).

EDC Commissioner and OACC President Koep stated that the chamber conducts business visits in which members of the city and EDC could participate.

In response to a question from EDC Commissioner Orsello, Mayor Reinke replied that redevelopment of the Twenty Nine Pines manufactured home park was not likely at this time and added that city departments are working with the owners on various improvements and maintenance matters.

Mayor Reinke commented that the city has been discussing buying the Par 3 site to develop a passive park; however, the selling price is currently too high.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Barry,  
City Clerk