

**WORKSHOP  
OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
May 28, 2019  
5 PM**

**Attendance**

The City Council held a workshop on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota.

Present: Mayor Paul Reinke

Council Members: Jake Ingebrigtsen  
Colleen Swedberg  
Kevin Zabel

Absent: Council Member Susan Olson

Also Present: Susan Barry, City Clerk  
Bart Fischer, City Administrator  
Linnea Graffunder-Bartels, Senior Community Development Specialist  
Alyssa MacLeod, Communications Specialist  
Dallas Pierson, Planning Commission  
Bob Streetar, Community Development Director  
Suzanne Warren, Administrative Services Director

**Labor Groups**

Administrative Services Director Warren provided an overview of the city's five labor groups, including the newest one for volunteer firefighters, and the contract negotiation processes.

In response to comments from Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Administrative Services Director Warren noted that although private sector jobs now offer more per hour, public sector jobs offer good pay and benefits and stability.

In response to a question from Mayor Reinke, Administrative Services Director Warren noted that a few longer term employees had not yet converted to PTO (paid time off).

**Non-Union Pay Plan**

Administrative Services Director Warren provided an overview of the city's pay plan philosophy and proposed adjustments for non-union employees for 2020. She recommended that the pay study be revisited in a few years. Administrative Services Director Warren added that four positions were being reviewed to determine whether adjustments were warranted.

In response to a question from Council Member Zabel, Administrative Services Director Warren explained that the respective departmental budget would be able to absorb any changes to the pay levels of the four positions.

In response to a question from Mayor Reinke, Administrative Services Director Warren noted that the pay plan is typically adopted at the end of the year.

It was the consensus of the City Council to proceed with a three percent increase for non-union staff.

## **Capital Equipment**

Administrative Services Director Warren provided an overview of the proposed capital equipment purchases for 2019 and 2020.

In response to questions from Council Member Ingebrigtsen, Administrative Services Director Warren explained that the amounts listed for purchasing new vehicles, like for the Building Inspections Department, shows the maximum amount budgeted. She also explained that Street Superintendent Romanik oversees purchasing of most of the vehicles for the city.

Mayor Reinke asked that staff also consider lease options for vehicles.

The City Council supported the capital equipment purchases.

## **Community Development Update**

### **Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit**

In response to a question from Council Member Ingebrigtsen on the status, Community Development Director Streetar noted that one of the final steps would be for the city to adopt a resolution of support. He further noted that the access concerns expressed by the Apostolic Bible Institute (ABI) had been resolved and that the Helmo bridge would be moved 50 feet due to the pipeline.

Mayor Reinke noted that should additional right-of-way be needed for the Greenway Station, the city is requiring that it be done without reducing the width of the sidewalks. Referencing ABI, he noted that new left turn lanes would be needed that that the city would share costs with Washington County and that the county would also pay for any right-of-way needed. Mayor Reinke also noted that the Goldline Project Office would pay for the trail by Tanners Lake and that the number of parking spaces at the Helmo park-and-ride would be increased to 150.

### **Bike and Pedestrian Plan**

Community Development Director Streetar noted that staff would begin developing a plan in July.

### **Parks and Open Space Inventory/Usage** **29 Pines Mobile Home Park Revitalization Plan** **Neighborhood Preservation and Enhancement Initiative**

Community Development Director Streetar noted that these projects were planned for 2020.

### **Tanners Lake Redevelopment Site**

Community Development Director Streetar noted that interest had been expressed to develop a hotel and coffee shop at the location.

### **North of Highway 36 Small Area Plan**

Community Development Director Streetar noted that Washington County would conduct a transit needs study for the area, that could include a bus rapid transit route along Highway 36.

### 3M Development

Community Development Director Streetar noted that the developer was close to presenting a plan that is in substantial conformity to the city's small area plan.

In response to a question from Council Member Swedberg, Community Development Director Streetar noted that the project would begin in 2020.

### 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Community Development Director Streetar noted that final approval by the Metropolitan Council was expected within the next few months.

### 4Front Technology and Office Campus

Community Development Director Streetar noted that a request could be made to change the master plan for the 65 acre site.

### 1267 Geneva Avenue North Strip Mall

Community Development Director Streetar noted that there was currently no activity relating to redeveloping the site.

### **Seated Commissioner Reappointment Interviews**

The City Council met with the following commissioners seeking reappointment:

Stacie Penn	Economic Development Commission
Steve Whillock	Economic Development Commission
Gretel Drainville	Environmental Management Commission

Commissioner Drainville requested that more volunteer opportunities be provided to commissioners.

The City Council discussed the city's three year term limit for commissioners as well as attendance requirements for commissioners.

Staff was directed to bring back information on both.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Barry, City Clerk