

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL WORK SESSION - PLANNING
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 21st, 2023

5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Megan Workman, Council Members: Kathy Galliger, Jason Henke, Julie Miller, Chris Dotzler


MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Olivia Johnson - Aitkin Age

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Megan Workman at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda.**
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathy Galliger, seconded by Jason Henke and approved with all ayes.
3. **Introduction – Goals and Mission Statement** -The Mission Statement was discussed, and Council Henke felt it should be condensed and amended into one unified statement. He will bring an edited version back to our next workshop.
4. **ARPA Funds Discussion** - The Council discussed the remaining ARPA Funds, possible uses and a potential capital request to Senator Stauber's Office. They also discussed the need for improving the downtown parking lot the City has and how that might possibly take place
5. **Revenue Sources – Annexation Plans – Assessment Policy** – The Council discussed annexations and how that could impact future infrastructure plans.
6. **Workforce Housing and How do we move forward** – The Council ran out of time, and we did not get this far. This is probably a good starting point for our next meeting.
7. **Street Department – Infrastructure** – Councilor Miller asked if we could get this in a comprehensive capital planning document. Administrator Skrbich noted “that is why we are meeting in a workshop setting and that we should target completion of this by June. Then we would have something in place for budgeting in 2024.
8. **Meeting Review** – This is as far as we were able to get this evening. Knowing we need to have a specific area to target a request for an application to Senator Stauber's Office, Mayor Workman polled the Council to affirm the direction we should move forward with. She queried, should we address our request for Park upgrades or Infrastructure. The Council responded: Dotzler-Infrastructure, Galliger-Infrastructure, Miller-Infrastructure, Workman-Infrastructure.
9. **Comments from Visitors:**
 - There were no comments from visitors.
10. **Adjournment**
 - A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM was made by Julie Miller, seconded by Megan Workman and approved with all ayes. It was also agreed that our next workshop session will be held on 3-20-2023 at 4 PM.


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Megan Workman
Mayor


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Mike Skrbich
City Administrator