

AITKIN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
AITKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 12, 2023

5:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police Paul Ryan, Lon Nicko, Jessica Sebert, Mark Jeffers, Mark Wedel, Stan Gustafson, Dave Ashton, Mike Hills

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 in favor.

3. **Consent Agenda.**

- 
- Minutes
  - Minutes –
  - Accounts Payable:
    - City of Aitkin  
Batch Name:
    - Liquor Store  
Batch Name:
- 

4. **Public Hearing:** There was no public hearing this evening.

5. **Mayor's Report:**

- There was no Mayor's report this evening.

6. **Administration Report:**

- There was no administrator report this evening.

7. **Old Business:**

- 

8. **New Business**

- INH PROPERTY DISCUSSION – Mike prepared an overview of what INH would like for abatement to move forward with 2 different housing projects. The first is a 51 unit – 55+ building and the second one is a 44 unit open market project. After review and discussion by the Council, Jessica Seibert and Mark Wedel affirmed the County's support for the project.
- COMMUNITY FIELDHOUSE REVIEW – Mike prepared an overview of 2 possible funding plans and the Council discussed the project carefully. Dave Ashton suggested other possible construction methods and Mike reviewed the architects and soil engineers reasons for the current design.
- HOMETOWN LUMBER-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION – Administrator Skrbich reviewed the request from Hometown Lumber and presented an historical perspective on how that property got its current zoning. He then reviewed the comprehensive plan and presented findings and recommendations from City Land Use Consultant Jerry Bohnsack. He reviewed the process of how things would advance if the plan were considered. Councilors voiced any concerns they had and questions were answered regarding the plan. Dave Ashton spoke about his intentions and the Council voiced concerns that they would like to see the retail on Minnesota Avenue be a part of the total plan. It was suggested that Dave should have an artist's rendition of the project prepared before he comes to the Planning Commission.

9. Committee Reports:

10. Comments from Visitors.

11. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM was made by Chris Dotzler, seconded by Kathy Galliger and approved with all in favor.

  
Medan Workman  
Mayor

  
Mike Skrbich  
City Administrator