

**CHISHOLM CITY COUNCIL
WORKING SESSION – MARCH 23, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adam Lantz called the City Council Meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Marty Halverson, April Fountain, Jed Holewa, Travis Vake and Mayor Adam Lantz

Absent: Councilor Cheyenne Mikkola-Rahja

Also Present: Administrator Stephanie Skraba, Building Official/Zoning/Safety Director Mandy Galli, Confidential Administrative Assistant Susan Trunk, Robert Streetar from Streetar Consulting, Marc Putman from Putman Planning and Design.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilor Vake and supported by Councilor Holewa to adopt the agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Fountain, Holewa, Vake and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Councilor Mikkola-Rahja

Motion Carried

WENTON ADDITION UPDATE

Robert Streetar from Streetar Consulting and Marc Putman from Putman Planning and Design provided an update on the Wenton Addition. During phase 1 of the project, the necessary information was gathered to understand the project areas development opportunities and constraints.

A market study shows that the single-family and townhomes/twin homes ownership market is attractive to people in their late 20's, early 40's and independent empty nesters. The City Council will establish a general vision and goals for the development which incorporates information from Phase 1. Input from the community, Planning Commission, and the City Council will inform the plan alternatives.

The Wenton Addition imagines the best features of county living with city convenience. The area is within walking and biking distance to local parks and downtown Chisholm. The general goals are to create a neighborhood design that is competitive with other subdivision, a financially feasible concept to attract developers/home builders, achieve an attractive development concept within the sites physical opportunities and constraints –“ not a cookie cutter looking development”, respond to the market realities for housing while focusing on higher value owner-occupied housing, provide new housing opportunities for current residents, and increase the population to address the potential future loss of state aid funding for local roads.

The area will focus on owner occupied single family detached homes and twin homes, provide a variety of homesites sizes, designs, and styles for different buyer demands and budgets. The land use goals will promote privacy among homesites using the home arrangement and landscaping, maintain a wooded buffer where appropriate, achieve an attractive streetscape, promote pedestrian safety, and create a park-like feel.

The evaluation of the development concept found nothing in the findings would prohibit residential development, although some modifications to building and road/utility construction may be required, but nothing out of the ordinary.

ADJOURN WORKING SESSION

Moved by Councilor Holewa and supported by Councilor Halverson to adjourn the Working Session at 6:37 pm.

Voting Aye: Councilors Halverson, Fountain, Holewa, Vake and Mayor Lantz

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Councilor Mikkola-Rahja

Motion Carried

Attest:

/s/ Adam Lantz, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Skraba, Administrator