

August 30, 2021
Minutes Work Session

The work session was opened by Mayor Borowski at 5:15 pm. Members present: Kirk Johnson, Ross Hadley, Steve Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, Emily Neal, Randy Schissel. Absent: Andy Carlson

Discussion regarding Rental Inspection Program –

General discussion was held regarding property owner follow-thru and compliance with results of rental property inspections. Current city code states non-compliance will result in imposition of fines at different levels.

General consensus that critical safety issues be addressed immediately and fines imposed for non-compliance in reasonable time frames. Failure to comply should result in permits being pulled or not approved.

Staff should have the authority to allow for additional time with or to work out an improvement schedule with the property owner.

Situations that are more cosmetic in nature should be given more leniency in regards to compliance schedule.

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath advised of past practice with nuisance properties as, and of specific steps in the code which need to be followed for compliance. Nuisance properties the city has the authority to abate the nuisance and assessing the property owner for the costs.

Onboarding of new city manager –

Short discussion was held on council wishes regarding onboarding. Hemesath advised of the information she is working on. She further advised the council give him the opportunity to acquaint himself with department heads, staff, city facilities, boards and commissions, etc. She further suggested council complete a goal setting session either late fall or after the first of the year.

Councilperson Neal would like him to meet individually with council members in the first month as well.