

North Branch City Council

Work Session

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2015
Present: Councilmembers Theresa Furman, Kathy Blomquist, Joyce Borchardt, Robert Canada, and Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy.
Also Present: EDA Members Moeller, Streater and Rice, and City Administrator Konrad and Finance Director Hill

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Presentation

Diana Lund, Production Manager for the Multi Family Section of Minnesota Housing provided an overview of how the City could handle multi housing applications. Hal Anderson from the single-family division of Minnesota Housing provided an overview of competitive monies to be used on work force housing and pipeline programs that are available year round to assist residents. Council thanked Mr. Anderson for coming and asked him to provide City Administrator Konrad with a list of builders doing housing projects through their programs.

V. Commission Appointments

Konrad discussed the Commission language within the Code with Council. Blomquist asked whether the Code requires any appointments in December. Konrad indicated it did not. Konrad asked for direction on the items in question so the Ordinance can be drafted for consideration Blomquist said that there are not a lot of changes to duties but mainly to make the sections consistent. Council discussed attendance concerns and how to handle it with Commission members. Borchardt said that only the EDA has appointed by Mayor and approved by Council. Hagen-Kennedy said that she feels it is respectful to whoever is coming into office to appoint the Commissioners at the first meeting in January. Blomquist would like to go with January elections because that is respectful of the Mayor. Borchardt said she thinks it is better that the application process begin in November and are appointed in December because that keeps it on the same cycle as everything else in the City. Consensus was for December appointments. Consensus was to make removal language the same as the language in the EDA code. Borchardt brought up Parks, Trails, Open Space and the state law reference and said it concerns her. Council agreed to remove the reference. Borchardt would like to revisit the Council appointments since it's getting close to January. Blomquist asked if the age was going to be changed because Council had agreed to uniformly require 18 year olds.

Motion by Canada, seconded by Furman to adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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