

Minutes of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Champlin in the County of Hennepin and the State of Minnesota
Pursuant to Due Call and Notice Thereof

Committee-of-the-Whole
July 13, 2015
Municipal Center

- Call to Order The Champlin City Council met in a Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) meeting and was called to order by Mayor ArMand Nelson at 6:35 p.m.
- Roll Call Present were Mayor ArMand Nelson and Councilmembers Ryan Karasek, Bruce Miller, Eric Johnson and Kara Terry.
- Absent: none.
- Also present were City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, City Planner Scott Schulte, City Attorney Scott Lepak and City Clerk Roberta Colotti.
- Approval of Agenda
(July 13, 2015)
Motion Motion by Councilmember Miller and seconded by Councilmember Terry to approve the agenda for the July 13, 2015 COW Meeting as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Karasek, Miller, Johnson and Terry. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Bee Keeping in
Residential Areas The City Planner reported that earlier this year the City Council directed staff to prepare an analysis of backyard bee keeping. A few Champlin residents have expressed a desire to keep bees at their homes to provide a supply of honey and to support the honeybee population. While most cities prohibit beekeeping in residential areas, there is an emerging trend in the metropolitan area to allow bee keeping.
- The City Planner stated that City Code does not specifically reference bees; however, they are considered a non-domesticated animal. By definition, a non-domesticated animal is “any wild animal, reptile or fowl, which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild nature or disposition in which because of its size, vicious nature, or other characteristics would constitute a danger to human life or property.” Non-domesticated animals are prohibited in Champlin.
- The City Planner presented a series of pros and cons to licensing bee keeping in residential neighborhoods.
- Council Consensus
It was the consensus of the Council to keep the City Code as it stands and not amend it to allow bee keeping in residential neighborhoods. To direct staff to include a question on the 2017 resident survey regarding community interest in such a code amendment.
- The City Council clarified that they are supportive of the efforts of the Bee Friendly Champlin Task Force and the goals of planting flowers to support bees and eliminating/reducing the use of pesticides that are harmful to bees and other pollinators. They stated that the possible externalities and staffing commitment to license bee keeping are the basis for their decision not to support licensing bee keeping in residential neighborhoods.
- Adjournment The Champlin City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk