

- Call to Order The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:15 p.m.
- Roll Call Present were Mayor ArMand Nelson, Councilmembers Ryan Karasek, Kara Terry, Bruce Miller and Eric Johnson.
- Absent: none.
- Staff Present: City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, Community Development Director John Cox, City Planner Scott Schulte, City Clerk Roberta Colotti and City Attorney Scott Lepak.
- Approval of Agenda
(January 26, 2015)
Motion Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Terry to approve the agenda for the January 26, 2015 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Karasek, Terry, Johnson and Miller. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Urban Area Chickens The City Planner stated that in December the City Council first discussed allowing chickens in urban areas. At that time a video was shown highlighting the proper care and maintenance of chickens leading to their successful introduction into urban areas. Tonight's report highlighted the potential negative externalities that need to be considered if chickens are allowed in urban areas. He presented a draft ordinance and licensing process, designed to control the potential negative aspects of housing chickens.
- Councilmember Johnson stated that at this time he is not in favor of allowing chickens in urban areas. A primary concern for him is the lack of input from neighboring properties on the issuance or revocation of the license in the proposed licensing process. He was not only concerned with the adjacent homeowners today but with future homeowners.
- Councilmember Karasek stated that he could potentially support allowing for chickens in urban areas if the process for notifying neighbors allowed for their input when issuing a license.
- Councilmember Miller stated that in light of this being brought up as a public request to amend the ordinance, and that other cities that have adopted ordinances allowing for chickens in urban areas have not reported any code enforcement issues unique to chicken ownership, that he would support an amendment to allow chickens in urban areas.
- Councilmember Terry stated that she is in favor of amending the ordinance to allow for chickens in urban areas as potential nuisance issues could be controlled through the licensing process.
- Mayor Nelson stated that at this point in time he is not in favor of changing the ordinance to allow for urban chickens due to the potential issues associated with improper care and maintenance.
- Council Consensus**
It was the consensus of the Council not to amend the ordinance to allow for chickens in urban areas.
- The Community Development Director suggested that the Council include this item on the 2017 resident survey given its status as a developing issue for cities.
- City Council Voting
Procedure The City Clerk presented information on alternative formats for calling for and reading the vote when taking Council action.
- Council Consensus**
It was the consensus of the Council not to amend its current practices or by-laws related to procedures for voting.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 6:50 p.m.

ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk