

Worksession I
December 8, 2014
Municipal Center

- Call to Order The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor ArMand Nelson at 5:45 p.m.
- Roll Call Present were Mayor ArMand Nelson and Councilmembers Eric Johnson, Kara Terry, Ryan Karasek, and Bruce Miller.
- Absent: none.
- Staff Present: City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, City Planner Scott Schulte, City Clerk Roberta Colotti, City Engineer Tim Hanson, Police Chief Dave Kolb and City Attorney Scott Lepak.
- Approval of Agenda Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Karasek to approve the agenda (December 8, 2014) for the December 8, 2014 Worksession as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Nelson, Councilmembers Johnson, Karasek, Terry and Miller. Voting against: none. Motion carried.
- Motion
- Stop Sign at West River The City Engineer provided an overview of the three way stop sign at West River Road and Hennepin Road and Hennepin Landing in preparation for the Council discussion and decision on the future of the stop sign at the Regular Council meeting this evening. He reviewed the timeline for the installation of the current stop sign and the planned improvements to the Elm Creek Dam and Mississippi Crossings project. He reviewed the traffic report and accident levels along this roadway. He reported that the City had hosted two public open house meetings on this topic to solicit resident feedback and that the public hearing would be held at 7 p.m. tonight to accept further public input.
- Landing
- The City Council reviewed the Engineers report and forwarded this item onto the Regular Meeting for formal action.
- Backyard Chickens The City Planner stated that in response to an Open Forum request this past summer, the City Council directed staff to bring the topic of backyard chickens forward for evaluation. He stated that City Code restricts chickens to Residential Agricultural (R-A) zoned property and limits property owners to one chicken per acre. Local advocates have requested the City reconsider a standard that allows keeping of backyard chickens in residential areas. Staff has received over 10 inquires over the past three years on this topic.
- The City Planner presented the pros and cons to allowing chickens in residential areas and presented two videos demonstrating urban chicken management.
- Council Consensus**
To direct staff to draft a sample ordinance permitting backyard chickens, to review the required staff time to administer a licensing program and to develop a fee schedule that would cover the full cost of licensing and inspecting properties with backyard chickens.
- Adjournment The Champlin City Council adjourned the Worksession at 6:45 p.m.

ArMand Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk