

Mayor Jensen called the special council work session meeting to order on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Jensen, Administrator Jackson, Council Members Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Absent: Crutchfield

Also Present: Trent Whipple, Adam Byersdorfer, Elara Jondle, Chris Boyer, Mike Hermanson, Nick Hermanson, Karen Hermanson

Motion by Sporleder, seconded by Ostrem, to approve the agenda

Aye: Ostrem, Phillips, Solberg, and Sporleder

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

#### **Discussion on Woodland Farms Housing Subdivision**

Scott Renaud, Fox Engineering, presented information to the council about the proposed housing subdivision.

He requested that the city provide improvements to Timberland Dr., extended sanitary sewer and water to the site.

Mayor and City Council asked questions and general discussion took place with on the information provided.

#### **Discussion on Residential Tax Abatement Program**

City Administrator Jackson presented information about the residential tax abatement program. The law changed a number of years ago and with the new subdivisions being prepared, this is a good time to discuss this program.

The council discussed the program and decided this issue should be given future consideration.

#### **Discussion on Natural Gas Franchise Fee**

City Administrator Jackson presented information on the option of imposing a 1% natural gas franchise fee on natural gas. If implemented, the local option sales tax would come off of the bill. Therefore, There would be no increased cost to the customer but a monetary gain for the city.

The council decided this issue should be given future consideration.

There being no further time to address the remainder of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Mike Jensen, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark A. Jackson, City Administrator