

Walnut Grove, MN

January 23, 2025

The City Council met in a special session on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Walnut Grove City Council Room.

Present: Ron Stubbe, Yeng Yang, Sue West, Dylan Albertson & Dale Shannon

Also Present: Paula McGarvey, Beth Bjorklund & Andy Foster

Mayor Stubbe presided at the meeting

The primary purpose of the special meeting was to go over procedures and discuss the city positions with the new council.

The clerk briefly explained Pay Equity and the TruSight job evaluation system used to give each city position a job rating along with the salary chart. A copy of each departments job descriptions was handed out to the council members along with a copy of the Personnel Policy.

Fire Chief Andy Foster was present to discuss changing the salary for the fire chief and assistant for 2025. Motion by Sue west, second by Dales Shannon to amend the 2025 wages, rates & fees and increase the Fire Chief annual salary to \$1100 per year and increase the assistant chief to \$500 per year. West, Shannon, Yang & Stubbe voted in favor. Albertson abstained.

The council reviewed Resolution 2025-0123 Delegating Registration Responsibility for Cannabis retailers to Redwood County that the prior council had agreed to. Motion by Dylan Albertson, second by Dale Shannon to approve Resolution 2025-0123. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The EDA has asked the council to approve Paulette Koch as a board member and then Dale Shannon and Ron Stubbe will be the City Council EDA board members. Motion by Sue West, second by Dylan Albertson to approve council members Stubbe & Shannon for the EDA along with Paulette Koch as a volunteer EDA member. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The council discussed future plans for the Bar & Grill and agreed they would like to look at options for increasing the size of the kitchen to accommodate the increased food sales. The council discussed the empty lots on either side of the Bar & Grill and plans for them. Because there have been no decisions made as to whether or not the council would like to add on to the building itself in the future, they will continue the discussion for the plans for the empty lots at a future meeting.

Motion by Yeng Yang, second by Sue West to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer