

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
ST. FRANCIS, MN  
ANOKA COUNTY**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION NOTES  
DECEMBER 11, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Work Session was called to order at 5:34 pm by Mayor Steve Feldman.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Steve Feldman, Council members Kevin Robinson, Joe Muehlbauer, Robert Bauer and Sarah Udvig. Also present were City Attorney Dave Schaps, City Administrator Joe Kohlmann, Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom and Fire Chief Dave Schmidt.

2. **Bee Ordinance Discussion**

Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom reported staff did some research and contacted surrounding communities regarding bee keeping. Our current city code is light on restrictions but does require a property to be five (5) acres in size, 100 feet setbacks and a limit of one (1) hive.

Council held a discussion on whether they regulate the size of lots and setbacks regarding bee keeping or if they make no changes to the current code. Staff was given direction to bring to a council meeting an ordinance amendment that allows bee keeping on lots 2.25 acres and larger and update the setbacks.

3. **Dirt Tracks Discussion**

Thunstrom reported due to a complaint brought forward regarding a property using a racetrack in a residential neighborhood. Race tracks, whether dirt or other are currently not addressed in City Code. Staff reviewed other cities regulations. There are a couple things for the council to consider if you choose to regulate them. First is the enforcement ability of the code. Additionally is the issue motorized recreational vehicles or how they are being used. People use their ATVs for other things such as snow removal or yard work. Snowmobiles could be used on a racetrack but they are also allowed in parts of the city. Thunstrom mentioned if the city code is amended this would be for future tracks. Discussion was held on whether they should be allowed, if so on what lots size, setbacks and hours of use. Staff was given direction to bring to a council meeting an ordinance amendment that allow dirt tracks on a 2.5 acre lots or larger with setbacks of 50' off lot line and 50' from dwelling structure.

4. **City Buildings Discussion**

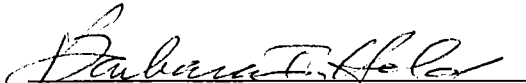
Feldman said the smartest thing we have done the last couple of years with city buildings is maintenance. In the past the city over spent on several city buildings, land and improvements. At our last discussion on city buildings, I thought we talked about looking at a fire/city hall building. The rest of the council agreed.

Now it depends on location. A liquor store expansion was also discussed. After a lengthy discussion on city buildings it was determined to look at a liquor store expansion first. Another work session will probably be needed to look into this further.

3. **Adjournment**

Mayor Feldman adjourned the work session at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by,

  
Barbara I. Held, City Clerk