

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the City Council for the City of St. Joseph met in a workshop setting on Monday, February 1, 2021, in the St. Joseph Government Center.

Members Present: Mayor Rick Schultz. Councilors Brian Theisen, Bob Loso, Kelly Beniek

City Representatives Present: Administrator Therese Haffner, City Clerk Kayla Klein, Finance Director Lori Bartlett, Community Development Director Nate Keller, Public Works Superintendent Ryan Wensmann, Police Chief Dwight Pfannenstein, City Engineer Randy Sabart

Former Fire Hall Building, Parcel 84.53843.0005: The Council discussed the options for the former fire hall building. Staff has been approached by interested parties that at this time are to remain confidential. The options include selling the building, leasing, or the city retaining ownership. The main complication the city faces is the sewer main that runs under the garage side of the building coming from the water treatment plant. If sold, the goal would be to have a Common Interest Community Plat (CIC Plat). General consensus of the Council is to have staff move forward with creating a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit bids for the building.

Birch St E Redevelopment: Currently, Birch St E is in dire need of repair and staff wants direction on how the Council would like to proceed. This area has been indicated as a redevelopment area in the Comprehensive Plan. Landlords in that area have also reached out and are interested in what the redevelopment would look like. Staff was directed to work with SEH, Inc. to come up with potential redevelopment options for that area.

Council Vacancy Update: Staff consulted the city attorney regarding the interviews for the council vacancy. The candidate interviews will be conducted in the multi-purpose room and that no secret votes can be taken. Additionally, the candidates will be interviewed by the entire council as opposed to one-on-one interviews.

The work session was adjourned at 6:29 PM.



Kayla Klein
City Clerk