PROCEEDINGS OF THE AFTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AFTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes
July 24, 2018
Afton City Hall
3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001
5:00 P.M.

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1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Bend.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Council Members Ross and Richter and Mayor Bend. Members Absent: Council members Nelson and Palmquist. **Quorum Present.**

   ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Moorse and City Attorney Fritz Knaak.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Motion/Second: Bend/Ross. To approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 3-0-0.

4. **4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

   A. Xcel Energy Proposal for a Substation on the parcel in the southwest quadrant of Neal Avenue and 40th Street

Moorse indicated Xcel Energy is proposing to locate a substation on the parcel in the southwest quadrant of Neal Avenue and 40th Street. There is an existing farm access driveway that is proposed to be used to access the site from 40th Street. Due to steep slopes on both sides of the driveway, the substation proposal will involve an application for a variance for grading to widen the driveway to enable delivery of the equipment and materials needed for the construction of the substation.

Representatives of Xcel Energy outlined the substation proposal. They outlined the need for the substation and the benefits to Afton, including reliability of power.

Several residents whose properties are in close proximity to the proposed substation location expressed concerns regarding the impact of the substation on their properties and on the natural character of the area. They also indicated an electrical substation is commonly located in the path of future development so that it is existing when the development comes. Due to the current and planned low development density in Afton, the substation is not needed for Afton development, but rather is needed for development in Woodbury and Cottage Grove. The substation should be located in one of those cities.

5. **ADJOURN –**

   Motion/Second: Bend/Ross. To adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

RJM
Ronald J. Moorse, City Administrator

Approved by Council on August 21, 2018 as (check one): Presented: X Amended: _____

Signed by Mayor Richard Bend_____ Date_____