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

APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes
March 25, 2019
5:00 P.M.

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

2. ROLL CALL: Council Members Nelson, Wroblewski and Perkins and Mayor Palmquist. **Quorum Present.**

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion/Second: Nelson/Wroblewski. To approve the agenda as amended to move item C to item A. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. Discharge of Firearms

Moore indicated the City has received a complaint regarding the discharge of firearms on a lot of 2.5 acres. The property owner is using the backyard as a shooting range. The City does not have an ordinance that addresses the discharge of firearms, and particularly on small lots. Moore reviewed with the Council an ordinance from the City of Woodbury.

The Council discussed the need for an ordinance and the Woodbury ordinance and directed staff to review ordinances from additional cities and talk with former Mayor Richard Bend about standards he has drafted, and provide a draft ordinance at the April 16 Council meeting.

B. 2019 Goal setting

The Council members first participated in a long range planning activity in which they identified the strengths of Afton, and threats to Afton's philosophy and rural character. The Council then identified priority goals for 2019.

C. Vacant Commercial Storefronts

The Council discussed recommendations from the Heritage Preservation Commission regarding vacant storefronts, including fire inspections for vacant buildings and an ordinance to encourage/require property owners to facilitate new uses in vacant buildings.

City Attorney Fritz Knaak indicated these could both be accomplished through a licensing process for vacant buildings, and he would provide information regarding licensing requirements.

5. ADJOURN –

Motion/Second: Nelson/Wroblewski. To adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator

Approved by Council (on April 16, 2019 as (check one): Presented: Amended:

Signed by Mayor Bill Palmquist _____ Date _____