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

APPROVED City Council Work Session Minutes
May 30, 2018
Afton City Hall
3033 St. Croix Trail
Afton, MN 55001
5:00 P.M.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Ron Moorse

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion/Second: Bend/Ross. To approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 4-0-0.

4. **4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

A. Afton State Park Access and Parking Options on 50th Street

Gene Groebner, the Park Manager for Afton State Park, described safety concerns related to park-goers parking along 50th Street at an informal entrance to the Park. He then explained an option for the construction of a small parking lot in the Park at this location and to prohibit parking on 50th Street to address the safety concerns. The Council discussed the proposal, including the history of a previous similar plan that did not move forward. The Council indicated general support for the proposal. Mr. Groebner indicated the proposal would now move to the next stage of DNR review.

B. Commercial Fire Inspection Program

The Council discussed a number of options for implementing an inspection program, including allowing inspections at the point of sale and approving a program with a one-year term that expires if not specifically renewed by the City. The Fire Department has begun a fire inspection program in the City of Lakeland that is tied to the City's annual CUP renewal process. The Council discussed delaying a program in Afton to see how the program works in Lakeland. The Council also directed staff to have the City Attorney attend another work session to discuss liability issues related to a fire inspection program.

C. Goal setting for 2018

The Council discussed goals for 2018. The Council members each provided their priority goals.

Mayor Bend discussed the update of the Natural Resource Inventory. This could involve using a grad student or team of grad students.

The Council discussed that for complex goals that could span multiple years, the goals should be broken into action steps with timelines.

The Council discussed the importance of communication and relationships with the volunteer commissions and committees and particularly rebuilding the Council's relationship with the Planning Commission. It was suggested that rotating the Planning Commission Liaison on a monthly basis could provide an opportunity for individual Council members to connect with the Planning Commission members.

D. Request Regarding Mudslinger Way Street Sign

Moorse indicated Kevin O'Hara, owner of Mudslinger Pottery, has requested the ability to install a "Mudslinger Way" street sign either on the public right-of-way adjacent to his property or on his property. Based on advice

57 from the City Engineer, the Council agreed the sign should not be placed on the public right-of-way, but could be
58 placed on the Mudslinger Pottery property if the property does not already have the maximum number of signs
59 allowed.

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61 **E. Ordinance Amendment Regarding Industrial Uses**
62 Moore indicated that, at this time, the owners of the I1-C property (FOC) are not comfortable with the new
63 language of the proposed ordinance as it relates to ordinance language that was required in the settlement
64 agreement related to a past lawsuit. During the meeting, Mayor Bend called Brian Zeller, who is the real estate
65 representative for FOC, to discuss the concerns of the FOC and recent changes made to the ordinance amendment
66 to make a number of items less restrictive. Mr. Zeller requested the most recent ordinance amendment draft be
67 sent to him for review.

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69 **5. ADJOURN –**
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71 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Ross. To adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.**

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77 Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator

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79 **Approved by Council on July 17, 2018 as (check one): Presented: X Amended: _____**

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81 **Signed by Mayor Richard Bend _____ Date _____**