

City Council Minutes
Special Meeting

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
December 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The work session of the City Council was called to order in the Community Room of the Police Department at 2:08 PM, December 20, 2022; all members of the City Council having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Mayor Matt Brenk
Vice Mayor Zeman
Alderman Boeke
Alderman Josephson
Alderman Spry
Alderman Sukke
Alderman Wenner

Council Absent: Alderman Bly
Alderman Dallmann
Alderman Marks-Erickson

Staff Present: City Administrator Kelcey Klemm
Deputy Clerk Kari Tyson
Finance Officer Heidi Tumberg
Community Development Coordinator Larry Remmen
Police Chief Steve Todd
Public Works Director Shawn King
City Engineer Jon Pratt

**STATE
LEGISLATURE**

City Administrator Kelcey Klemm stated he will be reviewing legislative topics that effect the City of Detroit Lakes with Senator Rob Kupec and Representative Jim Joy.

City Administrator Klemm started with LGA funding and stated the history of decreasing LGA funds to Detroit Lakes and how that affects the tax payers of the City.

Klemm then went on to discuss the “Big 3”: Childcare, Housing, and Workforce. Representative Joy spoke about a program that he has seen in Hawley to assist the childcare situation that he would like to see repeated around the State. Discussion was held regarding down payment assistance programs for first time home buyers, funding the workforce, BDPI grant, and PFA funding.

City Administrator Klemm moved onto the Washington Ballpark and the Heartland Trail projects which are proposed to be funded by the bonding bill.

Klemm spoke next about Library bonding to fund repairs, maintenance, and construction of libraries.

The next topic was the importance of Local Option Sales Tax to the City of Detroit Lakes. Klemm stated that the City of Detroit Lakes generates two million dollars in revenue from the Local Option Sales Tax each year.

Representative Joy stated that he agrees with Detroit Lakes and said the LGA formula needs work as well as the Local Option Sales Tax.

Senator Kupec agreed that the LGA needs to be analyzed.

Alderman Zeman invited the Senator and Representative to join City representatives at the CGMC Legislative Action Day in January.

RECESS

Mayor Brenk called for a 10 minute recess at 2:48.

RECONVENE

Mayor Brenk called the workshop back into session at 2:58.

RDG STUDY

City Administrator Klemm introduced Cary Thomsen from RDG.

Thomsen presented the draft masterplan for the City Park and Pavilion.

After Thomsen's presentation, Mayor Brenk asked City Administrator Klemm to send out the concept drawings to the City Council for more review.

Discussion was held regarding the size, look, and feel of the Pavilion.

Thomsen then presented the draft arena masterplan.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a third sheet of ice, a grand entry, and the future of the arena.

Thomsen then presented a rough draft of the West Lake Drive Concept.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, by general consent, Mayor Brenk adjourned the meeting at 3:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Tyson, Deputy Clerk