

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Brainerd City Council Workshop Market Study Presentation and Zoning Code Update was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President Bevans.

Members O'Day, Johnson, Pritschet, Stenglein, Bevans, and Mayor Badeaux were noted as present. Also noted as present were City Administrator Bergman, Finance Director Hillman, City Engineer/ Public Works Director Sandy, Community Development Director Chanski, Human Resources Director Schubert, and Human Resources Intern Fairbanks. Council Members Pritschet and Erickson were noted as absent.

Presentation of Market Study for Management/ Non-Union Employees

The Chair recognized Intern Fairbanks to explain the results of the Market Study and how the City of Brainerd wages compare to the median market wage of comparable cities. She believes that with the study, the City is trying to get its wages to market standards of those cities that are comparable to Brainerd.

The Chair recognized Todd Wicklund, Finance Director for BPU, to explain that the grid used for the Brainerd Public Utilities is an all-in total of an employee's wage including the cost-of-living adjustments as compared to the other data which did not.

Administrator Bergman stated that staff will verify wages prior to the next workshop and determine the budgetary impact this phase-in will create.

Zoning Code Update (Residential Standards)

Community Development Director Chanski introduced the objectives and schedule for the session. He explained that the night would focus on proposed zoning districts and lot standards. The character standards that were introduced previously will come at a later session.

Jennifer Haskamp, Swanson Haskamp Consulting, talked about the process that they have taken since the last workshop. The consultants solicited the Council's feedback, and it was determined that they would like to review the information in sections, so it is more manageable. The feedback from the pop up that staff and the consultants held downtown for the update for the public was overall very helpful. Ms. Haskamp presented the current outline for the residential zoning code which creates standards for each of the zones in consideration of the future land use plan. The zoning update residential lot standards will take a majority of the non-conforming properties in the City and make them conform.

Council discussion took place throughout the presentation.

Community Development Director Chanski stated that staff, the Planning Commission, and the consultants will continue to move forward with the residential standards that were discussed with the Council's general consensus.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Jennifer Bergman
City Administrator