

**WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**CITY OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 1**  
**333 SW 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**WILLMAR MINNESOTA**

August 14, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

The Work Session of the Willmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Douglas Reese. Members present on a roll call were Mayor Douglas Reese, Council Members Justin Ask, Audrey Nelsen, Vicki Davis, Carl Shuldes, Michael O'Brien, Julie Asmus, and Rick Fagerlie. Present 8, Absent 1. Council Member Thomas Butterfield was excused from the meeting.

Also present were City Administrator Leslie Valiant, City Operations Director Kyle Box, Community Growth Director Pablo Obregon, and City Clerk Judy Thompson.

There were no proposed additions or deletions to the agenda.

**City Auditorium Tour** The Mayor, Council, and staff toured the entire city auditorium to get a first-hand look at the overall condition of the building. Upon returning to the City Office building, discussion was held on the findings.

Following a lengthy discussion, consensus of the Council was to direct staff to search for grants/funds available to make necessary repairs/updates to the building, and contact BKV for an estimate of remodeling the building for a new city hall.

**2024 Election Discussion** City Clerk Thompson presented information on the various polling locations for the wards and precincts in the City, and the process currently in place.

Following discussion, consensus of the Council was to retain the current polling locations for the 2024 elections.

**Work Session Calendar** City Administrator Valiant presented the updated work session calendar to the Mayor and Council for the remaining year of 2023.

This item was for information only.

The work session adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Thompson  
City Clerk