

**WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MEETING ROOM**  
**WILLMAR CIVIC CENTER**  
**WILLMAR MINNESOTA**

October 9, 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, and Julie Asmus. Present 6, Absent 3. Council Members Rick Fagerlie, Michael O'Brien and Thomas Butterfield were excused from the meeting.

Also present were City Administrator Leslie Valiant, City Operations Director Kyle Box, Finance Director Tom Odens, Public Works Director Justin DeLeeuw, Community Growth Director Pablo Obregon, and City Clerk Judy Thompson.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**2024 Budget Discussion** Finance Director Tom Odens and City Operations Director Kyle Box opened the discussion for the 2024 Budget and tax levy. It was noted since the preliminary budget was presented at the September 18, 2023 council meeting, some reductions were made by staff and these areas were presented to council.

Following good discussion, staff will continue to explore ways to further reduce the budget, explore possibilities of increasing revenue, and present to council at a future work session.

The work session adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Judy R. Thompson

Judy R. Thompson  
City Clerk