

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

November 13, 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, Thomas Butterfield, Julie Asmus, and Rick Fagerlie. Present 9, Absent 0.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

BKV Group – Preliminary City Hall Costs and Plans for City Auditorium and Block 50 BKV Group representatives Bruce Schwartzman and Chris Palkowitsch presented the various site plans and costs for locating the city hall at either location.

Following a lengthy discussion, consensus of the Council was to direct Mr. Schwartzman to prepare information on the possibility of constructing a city hall only on Block 50, and bring back updated costs/information on a possible combined city hall/community center at the current community center location.

2024 Budget Discussion City Operations Director Kyle Box opened the discussion for the 2024 Budget and tax levy, along with Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and ARPA funds. It was noted additional reductions have been made by staff and these areas were presented to council.

Following a lengthy discussion, consensus of the Council was to schedule a work session for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Willmar Civic Center to continue to review/revise the 2024 Budget.

The work session adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s// Judy R. Thompson

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City Clerk