

**City of Ottertail
December 9, 2016
Work Session Notes
6:45 AM**

*This is an open forum. Council and Staff may speak openly.
No other business will be discussed at this session in order to keep under one-hour.*

Council present: Mayor Myron Lueders, Ron Grobeck, Jill Carlson, Heather Rosenthal and Darold Woessner.

Staff present: City Clerk/Treas., Elaine Hanson; Maint. Coordinator, Loren Hawes;

Ice Rink

Discussed pros and cons of ice rink. Thought there should be a way to get an idea of what kind of use a skating rink would have and perhaps generally a temporary set up could accomplish that.

Cell Tower Ordinance

Ron and Jill met with Rick Adams and will be ready to compare two sample ordinances within the next couple weeks. Elaine will let Rick know to get something set up.

Budget/Levy

Elaine provided everyone with spread sheets that have been simplified to show the 2017 budget and levy recommendation which will be available for the T-n-T hearing next week.

Financial Advisors

With proposals from 4 advisors, Northland, Ehlers, David Drown and Springsted, a choice of one or two will be made at the council meeting next week. Darold inquired why, since we already have had a relationship with Northland, we wouldn't just use them. Elaine said that both Northland and Ehlers have been used in the past, and wasn't sure because Northland has both underwriting and advisory capabilities, if that had something to do with it.

Fairway View Plat

Everyone received their copy of the preliminary plat for the property to be purchased by the city from Thumper and platted by the city. Jack Rosenthal will be present at the council meeting next week to present the plat. The council at that time may approve the preliminary as the final.

Miscellaneous

Discussed getting DNR's Julie Aadland to the table with representation from all parties to discuss what solution can be made for Happy Acres. Elaine will work on that for hopefully next week when a proposed meeting will be held with Terry Karkela, staff and the developer(s).

Work session adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

s/s

Elaine Hanson, MCMC
City Clerk-Treasurer