Work Session Monday August 5th, 2024, 5:00 PM

The work session was called to order at 5:00 PM, present were Brian Skroch, Paula Kampa, Chris Scheel, Ken Nodo, Michelle Keller, and Julie Fandel.

Skroch added real estate discussion to the agenda.

Agenda:

1. Railroad Crossing – Skroch laid out the options, he expressed he did not feel the arms made sense for the cost or unknown cost from the railroad. The maze would be the best alternative. Scheel said that after watching that crossing he would be for the arms, it the safest and we should put it in our budget. Nodo stated that he would like the arms but cannot justify the cost with all the road work we need, he would do the maze. Keller agreed with Nodo. Kampa said that the arms and BNSF cost would just be too much, the maze for short term and in five years when Rice continues to grow look at arms. Discussion continued on the pros and cons of the different options. Skroch stated that everyone brought up great points, we all know that some people will never use anything we put up. Kampa made a motion to move forward with the maze. Second by Keller. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.
2. Real Estate – Arnie’s next to the city hall is for sale, does the council have any idea if we should look at buying it? Discussion of different uses and possibilities. Even if there is no short-term use, what about the long term? The consensus was for two council members to look at the building and get a better idea of what it offers. As does the price included inventory and if so what is the price without.
3. Budget – Fandel reviewed what she had put together for the budget.

Kampa made a motion to close the meeting at 5:56. Second by Scheel. 5 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.