



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 3/2/2016
REGULAR
ITEM #: 14
MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Reconsider Vote on Single Fire Station Concept

SUBMITTED BY: Mayor Pearson

THROUGH: City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: City Clerk

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item City Administrator
- Report/Presentation..... Mayor Pearson
- Questions from Council to Staff Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMENDER: Fire Department/Public Safety Committee

FISCAL IMPACT: None

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: Reconsider vote taken at the December 15th, 2015 Council Meeting regarding the Single Fire Station.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: At the December 15, 2015 Council Meeting, the City Council considered a proposal to begin the process of transitioning to a single fire station operation for the City. The following excerpt from the Meeting Minutes reflects the motions made on that item:

Mayor Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Bloyer, moved TO DIRECT THE LAKE ELMO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE PREPARATIONS AND DESIGNS TO MOVE TO ONE CENTRALIZED FIRE STATION, IDENTIFY AND SECURE AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR A FUTURE FIRE STATION/PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

Councilmember Fliflet, seconded by Councilmember Lundgren, moved TO AMEND THE PRIMARY MOTION BY STRIKING THE MOTION AND INSERTING “MAKE PREPARATIONS TO MOVE TO A SINGLE FIRE STATION AND IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE SITE. Motion failed 2 – 2 – 1 (Pearson, Bloyer – nay. Smith – abstain).

Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Fliflet, moved TO AMEND THE PRIMARY MOTION TO REMOVE THE LANGUAGE AFTER “STATION”. Motion failed 2 – 3 (Pearson, Bloyer, Lundgren – nay).

Primary motion failed 2 – 3 (Fliflet, Lundgren, Smith – nay).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (SWOT):

Strengths	Ensure long range cost savings, prepare to meet future response needs of community.
Weaknesses	Increasing land costs. Delaying action until FD reaches critical staffing point and delivery of service is impacted.
Opportunities	Identify site while land is still available. Learn from other communities. Possibly partner with Washington County Sheriff’s Department and Lakeview EMS in combined Public Safety Facility.
Threats	Inability to staff by committing to failing Paid on Call system.

RECOMMENDATION:

“Motion to reconsider the December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting vote concerning the Single Fire Station concept”