

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Cadenhead called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cadenhead, Councilmembers Katrina Beckstrom, Councilmember Jeff Holtz and Matt Hirn. **ABSENT:** Councilmember Nick Dragisich

Staff present: City Administrator Miller, Finance Director Hadler, Administrative Services Director Goers and Deputy Clerk Schwemmer.

**Franchise Fees**

Finance Director Hadler presented the gas and electric franchise fee options for Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy. Attorney Bob Vose with Kennedy and Graven, attending via Zoom, provided background on what franchise fees are, the ordinance process and how often to review it, and answered questions. Mike Wilhelmi, Community Relations Manager with Xcel Energy for the Northeast Metro, provided more insight into different fee and term options, and answered questions. Discussion was held regarding which council members were in favor of the proposed franchise fee, diversification of revenue, rate options for residential and commercial, and allocating the fee to which fund.

Council consensus to bring back the full contract the second meeting in November leaving the fee structure as presented, dedicating the fee to the Park Reserve Fund and setting a public hearing.

**Items for Future Workshop Agenda**

A cannabis ordinance discussion is planned for a future workshop agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

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Charles Cadenhead, Mayor

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Rebecca Schwemmer, Deputy Clerk