

Minutes of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Champlin in the County of Hennepin and the State of Minnesota  
Pursuant to Due Call and Notice Thereof

Worksession  
March 10, 2025  
Municipal Center

Call to Order

The Champlin City Council met in Worksession and was called to order by Mayor Ryan Sabas at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were Mayor Ryan Sabas and Councilmembers Jessica Tesdall (Ward 1) (Virtual attendee), Tom Moe (Ward 2), Nate Truesdell (Ward 3) and Tim LaCroix (Ward 4).

Absent: Councilmember Jessica Tesdall (Ward 1) - attended virtually.

Also present were City Administrator Bret Heitkamp, Community Development Director Scott Schulte, City Planner Lexi Smith, and City Attorney Dave Schaps.

Approval of Agenda  
(March 10, 2025)  
Motion

Motion by Councilmember Truesdell and seconded by Councilmember Moe to approve the agenda for the March 10, 2025, Worksession Meeting as presented. Voting in favor were Mayor Sabas, Councilmembers Tesdall, Moe, Truesdell and LaCroix. Voting against: none. Motion carried.

Discussion Regarding  
Backyard Chicken  
Provisions

The Community Development Director stated that on April 22, 2024, the City Council approved an ordinance allowing up to two backyard chickens on single-family residential lots that are greater than 12,000 square feet and up to six chickens on lots greater than 0.5 acre. The minimum lot size was debated at both the first and second readings, with interest by some Councilmembers to set the minimum lot size to 10,000 square feet. Per Council direction, staff is providing this one-year update on chicken activity.

Council Consensus:

- The Council consensus supported decreasing the fee from \$300 to \$200 and directed staff to bring a Fee Reduction proposal to a future Consent Agenda for formal approval. The consideration to decrease the minimum lot size below 12,000 square feet was postponed, with direction to review the matter again in one year.

Discussion Regarding  
Utility Task Vehicles

The City Planner stated that Councilmember Truesdell requested a review of the allowance of utility task vehicles (UTVs) in Champlin. Currently, UTVs are prohibited on City streets under Champlin's special vehicles ordinance, which has restricted snowmobiles, dirt bikes, and ATVs since the early 2000s. In 2023, the ordinance was updated to include UTVs. This report provides an overview of relevant Minnesota State Statutes, key considerations, and staff recommendations.

Council Consensus:

- The Council did not support allowing UTVs on City streets.

Adjournment

The Champlin City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Ryan C. Sabas  
Ryan Sabas, Mayor

Attest:



Julie Tembreull, Executive Assistant/City Clerk