# MINUTES COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE WORK SESSION November 19, 2018 City Hall Conference Room A

**PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Stiehm, Council Members Steve King, Paul Fischer, Jeff

Austin, Steve King, Laura Helle, David Hagen and Judy Enright and

Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson

**ABSENT:** 

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Craig Clark, Director of Administrative Services Tom

Dankert and City Clerk Ann Kasel

**ALSO PRESENT:** Honorary Council Member George Bass

Mayor Stiehm opened the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

## <u>Item No. 1 – Autism Friendly Community</u>

This item was taken during the Council meeting.

### **Item No. 2 – Honorary Council Member Comments**

Honorary Council Member Bass stated he is enjoying his time with the Council and is learning very much.

### Item No. 3 – Administrative Report

City Administrator Craig Clark stated the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities meeting he recently attended was very informative. He is hoping local government aid will be a priority.

# <u>Item No. 4 - Open Discussion</u>

Council Member-at-Large Anderson suggested City departments go through the autism training.

Council Member Helle stated any City personnel that deal with the public should take the training.

Council Member Enright would like to look at comparable wages for the Council and Mayor and consider an increase.

City Administrator Craig Clark stated he would look into the matter and report back to Council.

Council Member Helle stated she is working with Council Member-at-Large Anderson and Planning and Zoning Administrator Holly Wallace to establish a culture and arts commission.

She stated this would be a good way for the City to apply for additional grant funding for the arts that other organizations can't apply for. She asked the Council to ponder the question of how much control should a city arts commission have over how the art is put up in the community.

Moved by Council Member Enright, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann M. Kasel City Clerk