

**Brainerd, MN**  
**January 24, 2022**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Code Enforcement Workshop of the Brainerd City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President Bevans.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted present: Pritschet, Stenglein, O'Day, Johnson, and Bevans. Mayor Badeaux was noted as present. Also noted as present were Administrator Bergman, Community Development Director Chanski, and City Engineer/ Public Works Director Sandy. Council Members Erickson and Stunek were noted as absent.

### **Discussion on Codifying the City Code**

City Administrator Bergman stated that with various updates to the City Code that have happened, many sections are inconsistent. Staff is recommending that a codification be completed in 2023 and for the company that does the codification host the updated code so that updates can be made more readily when statute changes. This would make the code more efficient, public access to current laws, ease of enforcement, good government, and acts as a roadmap for the legislative body. The cost is unknown at this time, with recommendation from Council, staff will look into cost and details so that it can be worked into the 2023 budget.

City Council discussion took place. City Council members requested that staff look into the initial cost and the annual hosting fee to be reviewed by Personnel and Finance.

### **Discussion on Code Enforcement**

Community Development Director Chanski stated that with the update of the Zoning Code it seemed the opportune time to talk about how Council would like to go forward with code enforcement. With Covid-19 enforcement went complaint driven, last summer returned to being proactive with the hiring of the code enforcement intern.

City Council discussion took place. City Council members requested that code enforcement continue to be complaint driven throughout the year unless there is a clear and obvious health and safety risk on a property. Commercial properties and vacant commercial properties in the City of Brainerd need to be enforced as well. Property maintenance and nuisance abatement issues other than grass and garbage will be brought to Safety and Public Works Committee.

Mayor Badeaux stated that rental properties are a business. He supports businesses in Brainerd 100%, but if you are going to have a business in Brainerd, you need to be a part of the solution.

### **Adjourn**

The Chair adjourned the workshop at 6:30 P.M.



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Jennifer Bergman  
City Administrator