

**MONDAY, NOV. 30, 2015, 6:30 PM, COLD SPRING JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Robert R. Thelen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following members were found to be present: Mayor Robert R. Thelen and Council Member Fran Ramler. Planning Commission Members present included Ann Harren. Others present: Kris Dockendorf, Brian Lintgen, Dan Kron, Jon Stueve, Dan Steil, Brad Busse, Lance Weber, Larry & Paula Hansen, Arlene Mueller, Curt & Susan Sauer, and H.E. Windschitl.

Those present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian Lintgen, City Engineer, explained to those present that he's been working with Xcel Energy to come up with a plan to remove the overhead lines on Red River Ave, especially the block between Main St and 1st St N. It was determined that it's better to run overhead lines behind the businesses than to put them underground in the street.

Brian showed site plan drawings with all the existing power lines, and presented a plan to relocate power lines behind the businesses wherever possible. He explained that Xcel Energy does not have easements for lines on private property, so if we want them to upgrade or add lines, they will need easements from the businesses.

Brian also explained that the Planning Commission had talked about this and are recommending that the City include the costs for relocating the lines behind the businesses as part of the CR 2 project, but only at the cost of them being overhead lines. If a business wishes to have the lines behind them buried, they would be responsible to pay for the difference in cost. Several of those present asked Brian to get them estimates on what it would cost to bury the lines behind their business, and he will get that to them.

Brian asked of those present whether they would be willing to provide an easement to Xcel to work on the lines behind their business and generally, most were agreeable to that.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Robert R. Thelen, Mayor

Kris Dockendorf, Acting City Administrator