

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015 MINUTES OF A JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION,  
EDA, AND PARK BOARD HELD AT THE THIRD STREET BREWHOUSE**

Mayor Robert R. Thelen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Robert R. Thelen and Council Members Fran Ramler, Dave Heinen, Jan Dingmann, and Jayme Knapp; Planning Commission members Rick Bohannon and Ann Harren; EDA members Dan Steil, Jim DeRose, and Jim Kraemer; Park Board members Wayne Cymbaluk and Joe Harren; City Staff Kris Dockendorf, Paul Hoeschen, Christi Hoffman, and City Engineer Brian Lintgen. A list of other attendees is on file.

Dan Steil welcomed everyone to the workshop and each person then introduced themselves. In attendance were members of the City Council, Boards, and Commissions, City Staff, Contractors, Developers, Realtors, and Lenders.

Mayor Thelen explained that the purpose of the workshop was to ask those in attendance how the City can help facilitate people moving out of homes that no longer suit them into ones that do, as well as bringing people to town to move into the homes that people moved out of or to build new homes.

Discussion was held on how to entice people to move to Cold Spring. Ideas included developing a more positive image with the media, marketing Cold Spring, reducing the price of building permits, continue with the downtown streetscaping improvements, partner with Rocori School District to show off our school system to people outside our district who are looking for safer schools, and the City helping with non-profit events to give people something positive about Cold Spring that they will remember.

Also discussed was the forfeited lots that the State of MN owns in Blue Heron Heights. Mayor Thelen stressed to the group to please come talk to the City if you might be interested in a lot. Suggestions included eliminating the assessments, coming up with a realistic price for the lots so that they can be marketed, and giving incentives to prospective buyers.

Other issues of concern that were raised included:

- Issues with the City requiring their own engineer to be present every day on private developments and the costs associated with that
- Lack of connectivity between the Blue Heron Heights lots, they feel like they're out in a field
- City needs to do a housing study so we know the needs for builders and developers

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:20 p.m.

---

Robert R. Thelen, Mayor

---

Kris Dockendorf, Acting City Administrator