Mayor Paul Whitcomb called the meeting to order. Council members present was Thom Walker, Jack Edmonds, Jules Zimmer, and Jeff Reynolds. Staff present, Administrator Mark Karnowski, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Community Development Director Jolene Foss, Police Chief Todd Frederick, Clerk Shawna Jenkins, and Fire Chief Ron Lawrence

**Presentation by CGMC – Bradley Peterson**

Bradley Peterson is with Flaherty and Hood and provided the Council with an updated on what they are lobbying for. Their 2017 Legislative priorities are LGA, Economic Development, Environment, and Transportation.

Walker asked if there was a way for the City to get some relief in regard to the Wastewater Plant. Peterson responded that it wasn’t likely, as the funds are used for communities that have not built or upgraded as yet.

Edmonds asked if there was funding available for the extension of 21st Avenue, as that would be a commerce connecting extension. Karnowski replied that once the cross wind runway is removed from the airport plan, the city can begin to look for funds.

Karnowski asked Peterson if there will be any trickle-down effect if the president is going to cut out the EPA. Peterson said he does feel there will be some changes coming, but it will likely be a while.

Peterson advised that the CGMC will be holding their summer conference in Fergus Falls, their fall conference in Alexandria and 2 labor seminars in June.

**Crystal Cabinets**

Foss reported that there is finally an agreement that has been reviewed by the EDA, the Attorney and Council members. She is asking for council approval.

WALKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CRYSTAL CABINETS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. EDMONDS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS

**Sherburne Co. DTF Joint Powers Agreement**

Frederick advised that this is the agreement that has been sent to the city for review. It is the same agreement that they have with the City of Elk River. He wanted the Council to review it, as it will be a big task to put together a budget, job description and to work with the unions and get the project started in 2018.

Walker asked how long each person would work with the DTF. Frederick responded that it would be no more than 3 years. The officers would rotate and be considered an “Investigator” at that pay rate for their time with the DTF. Whitcomb asked if they would roll back to the patrol pay once their time was up. Frederick confirmed that would be the case, but everyone is still very interested and the experience is going to be invaluable.

Zimmer, Whitcomb and Reynolds all commented that the city would greatly benefit from being involved with the DTF. Karnowski added that with the task force working in the city,
many other crimes will go down in the city as well. Frederick stated that they have been in the area working lately and the Police Department has been assisting on some things.

Frederick stated that he has met with the county and the city attorney’s to inform them that the City will likely be joining the task force.

Zimmer asked how a person would be picked. Frederick responded that he will be involved, as well as having assistance from the task force in choosing an officer.

Walker asked if Frederick knew their clearance rate. Frederick responded that he was is not aware of their percentage, but he does know it takes a lot longer and the success of charging the suspects are high. He said clearance rates are difficult to pin down, as they can be very different depending on the crime.

Whitcomb suggested the council looking it over and maybe approving it at the next council meeting.

**Disposition of old lawn mower – Bob Gerold**

Gerold advised that public works has a new mower listed in the CIP. The legion has requested the old mower to maintain the City’s Solheim Field and he is looking for Council approval.

Karnowski added that if he recalls correctly, a law was passed to allow government special accommodations for something like this.

Walker questioned if it would make sense to just sell the mower to them for $1.

Edmonds asked what the Legion is currently using. Gerold replied that they do have a mower, but it is very old and is costing a great deal to maintain.

WALKER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE STUDY SESSION AT 5:06PM. REYNOLDS SECOND-ED THE MOTION. MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawna Jenkins  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Paul Whitcomb, Mayor