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**CITY OF HAM LAKE
CITY COUNCIL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025**

The Ham Lake City Council met on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Ham Lake City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE in Ham Lake, Minnesota.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Brian Kirkham and Councilmembers Al Parranto, Mike Van Kirk, and Andrew Hallberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Jim Doyle

OTHERS PRESENT: City Attorney, Mark Berglund; City Administrator, Denise Webster; Finance Director Andrea Murff; and Deputy City Clerk, Dawnette Shimek

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Kirkham called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Discussion of a Verizon Wireless Tower with Alex Truemen from Truemen Site Acquisition

Alex Truemen stated he is working with Vertical Bridge and was before the City Council because there is a gap in coverage for Verizon wireless users within the area of Fox Run Park. Mr. Truemen stated that he wanted to discuss constructing a Verizon Wireless Tower at Fox Run Park. Mr. Trueman stated that the Ham Lake City Code requires wireless towers to be located on land owned by the City of Ham Lake, or upon which the City of Ham Lake holds an easement for road or utility purposes. Mr. Truemen asked if this is something the City Council would be interested in. Mr. Truemen stated that his plan was for the cell tower to be located near the sliding hill in Fox Run Park. Mr. Truemen stated that the cost is approximately \$400,000 to construct a 199-foot-tall tower and the tower would be built to accommodate multiple users and would be paid by Vertical Bridge. Mr. Truemen stated that the lease amount from Verizon Wireless on the tower would be \$7,200 a year (\$600 a month). Finance Director Murff stated that we are currently receiving approximately \$1,400 a month for current tower leases at other sites. Mayor Kirkham stated that this makes zero sense financially for the City. Mr. Truemen stated that he is requesting to obtain conceptual approval from the City Council. Mayor Kirkham stated that he is not in favor of having a tower located within Fox Run Park, especially next to the sliding hill. Councilmember Van Kirk stated that he is open to the concept and feels that it is the City's responsibility to have the infrastructure within the City. The City Council directed Finance Director Murff to work with Alex Truemen from Vertical Bridge to look for alternative locations to construct a Verizon Wireless Tower within Fox Run Park.

Motion by Kirkham, seconded by Parranto, to adjourn the workshop meeting at 5:52 p.m. All present in favor, motion carried.


Dawnette Shimek, Deputy City Clerk